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the Place of his abode) was impriſoned there; and all the while he was ſo, openly, and without any Reſerve, teſtified to all, that what he had written was by the Command of God.

N. B. The ſingle initial Letters are put inſtead of ſome Paſſages, which he had a Command as yet to conceal.

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JUDGMENTS OF GOD

UPON

THE ROMAN EMPIRE, &c.

GIVE ear, ye children of men, and hearken; incline your ears to the word of your God; for I will declare unto you what is of God, and will teach you the royal law of God, ſaith the ſpirit of prophecy!

Know, therefore, O all ye that hear this, that read and conſider it, that I utter this prophecy to you as a meſſenger of God; who is the holy and the true, the ſtrong and almighty God. And his law is in me as a fire, and the word of his mouth as the roaring of the waters! for I hear his voice in me, and his mouth uttereth great things. The words of his mouth are ſharp in me, as piercing ſwords, coals, and flames of fire; and my heart is in anguiſh by reaſon of the loud and piercing voice of his word! therefore muſt I ſpeak what I have heard, and declare what the Lord hath commanded me; for he drives me to ſpeak and to write all that he has commanded me, and ſaith, without delay, "*Make haſte, make haſte, and tarry not; for the judgment is at hand, and my wrath is kindled againſt the ungodly, as a conſuming flame of fire!*"

Hear, then, all men, and O all ye children of Adam, conſider this whole prophecy with penitent hearts, which I have written from the mouth of God, for

for your inſtruction, exhortation, and warning! for God requires it that I ſhould warn you before he does it, and write unto you before the deluge of his judgments break in upon you, that ſo none may have any excuſe when the Lord will chaſtiſe and puniſh them.

Hearken, then, to the ſound of the voice of God, which I declare unto you, as a ſtrong thunder-trumpet! Although I am but a poor layman, ſo called, and a ſhoe-maker, yet I will ſo preach unto you, that it ſhall ſound upon earth as a mighty thunder; and, by the power which God gives me, the hearts ſhall be ſhaken, when God ariſes with his judgments, and with his floods ſhall roar as a mighty thunder, in the day of his wrath and hard tempeſt.

O God, thou ſhalt be glorified in that thou haſt hid theſe things from the prudent and the wiſe, and haſt revealed them to babes, to the ſimple, and to the mean ones! for thou hideſt thy ſecrets from the reaſon-wiſe ones, and revealeſt them to very ſimple ones, that no fleſh may boaſt itſelf before thee, as if thou wantedſt the wiſdom of the world, and couldſt effect nothing upon earth without their folly. As they conceive, thou wilt give them the uppermoſt place in thy houſe, becauſe they judge themſelves wiſe; but, O Lord, thou wilt catch them in their wiſe reaſons, and make them aſhamed, with all their wiſdom, even all worldly reaſon-wiſe-ſpirits!

This is the determined council of the Lord. The prudent will mind it, and the men of God will take it to heart, and will keep their tongues from blaſpheming, and take heed how they ſpeak againſt and condemn thy work, when they do not underſtand it, and patiently wait till that which is written does appear. And this I have in charge, to warn every one of you, and to lay the ſecret of the prophecy before their eyes, that thoſe that are not wiſe may become wiſe, and the ignorant learn underſtanding,

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and the ungodly be puniſhed, and they that turn to the Lord may receive grace.

This, then, be ſaid unto you in the name of God, that it is high time for you to be converted in your minds, and amend yourſelves, and not put off your amendment till to-morrow; but that you do forthwith amend your lives; that you ſeek God heartily with tears; that your converſion be not as the hypocrites, but upright from the bottom of your hearts, and with your whole ſouls; for ſin remains upon the ungodly, and judgment upon the tranſgreſſor; and the ſupreme Judge, who is in heaven, will root them out temporally here, and eternally hereafter.

This be ſaid to every man, whether high or low, rich or poor, emperor or kings, yea, all the mighty ones; for the one ſhall fare as the other, the emperor as the kings, the pope as the cardinals, the princes as the earls, the gentlemen as the huſbandmen, the prieſts as the common people, the lords as the ladies, yea, even to the meaneſt of men and maid-ſervants; and from them to the higheſt; judgment, death, and eternal damnation, is the reward of ſin.

Behold the great, ſtrong, and almighty God, the great King and Ruler of all kingdoms upon the whole earth, yea, the Creator of all creatures, ſaid unto me, " *Behold I come with a very great deluge of war, as a mighty warrior!* For he goes forth provided with many waggons, and a great number of people; yea, he accompanies them as the ſtrong and mighty Lord: and there come down great clouds of people; as one that comes ſwimming upon great waters, ſo *do I, the Lord of Lords, come with great people from the Eaſt, and from the North!* My fury marches along with the nations, and great multitudes of the Turks; and my vengeance is among that multitude of nations, who are all coming down well provided with horſes and waggons, bows and arrows, ſpears and two-edged ſwords, for my fierce wrath marches along

with them againſt Germany! I the Lord am in wrath with my people, and my fierce wrath denounceth judgment againſt them; for I will extirpate many nations and people from off the earth, and totally ruin Chriſtendom!" For I will deſtroy the deſtroyer, and bring vain man wholly to nought upon my earth; for the earth is mine, and all that is upon and in it, that is alſo mine, and the ungodly do bear rule upon my earth. I, I will be terrible againſt the *ungodly one*, that has ſpread himſelf upon my earth; my jealouſy ſhall hew in upon him as devouring flames of fire; for I will fall upon my people as a lion, with great multitudes of people that ſhall be as fierce lions; I will break down all, both on the right and on the left ſide. I know I will cut off the withered branches from off my vine, and with my ſharp pruning-knives hew off the dry wood, and utterly deſtroy their unripe fruit from off my earth, and will ſet them on fire with a conſuming fire, and ſo ſhall they be conſumed under the whole heavens, ſo far as my Word goes.

But before I do fully pour down my wrath upon the ungodly, I will firſt reap my wheat with my ſpiritual ſickle, and bring it into my choſen barn, for I will clean gather in my grain. For I will give reſt unto the righteous, and tranſplant my *choſen ones*, as a noble plant in the ſpiritual paradiſe, and plant them there myſelf, that they may grow up and flouriſh as a fruitful olive tree, which ſpreads itſelf forth over my earth, in my fruitful Zion.

Then ſhall this old earth tremble at my wrath that ſhall come upon men, and the foundations ſhall be moved at the great dread that ſhall come from me, the Almighty, upon the wicked and ungodly upon earth, that dwell upon the earth and upon the ſea.

" Therefore woe, woe, woe unto thee, thou drunken Chriſtendom! Now no longer a Chriſtendom,

dom, but a Babylon, and blood-thirſty Egypt, where my deareſt Son is crucified! O thou blood-thirſty and drunken Babylon, thou art drunk with the blood of my faithful witneſſes that have teſtified of me! Woe unto thee, Chriſtendom, Chriſtendom, Chriſtendom! How wilt thou ſtand before me? I will call thee to account. Let us ſee, how wilt thou ſtand before me? What wilt thou anſwer, and what wilt thou do in the day of my dreadful judgment? It is time that I come to ſit and bring thee to thy trial. I muſt diſcover thy ſhame, and thou muſt ſuffer puniſhment for thy wickedneſs. Thou ſhalt ſtand wholly aſhamed before me, and thou muſt go to Satan; hell is thy reward!"

O, woe! woe to all the men upon earth, in the whole world, that would not be warned, nor amend themſelves, ſaith the Lord, the Lord who is the Almighty! Hearken, my people; I muſt ſpeak unto thee; and give heed unto it, ye children of men. Why are you ſo diſobedient unto me, and will not be warned, that you might deliver your ſouls? Why will you be deſtroyed, you children of Adam? Wherefore do you obey the devil more than me, ſeeing I am your God? Do you not know that it is I that feed and clothe you, and have let my ſun ſhine upon you more than 5500 years? Have I not given you my ſun for a light; and yet you walk in darkneſs, labouring in the night? Do you not ſee it, you unwiſe and ignorant of heart? Who is it that gives you rain in the time of drought, or, *when it has rained much, the ſun-ſhine?* Is it not I that poſſeſs heaven and earth, and that created all that is upon it, and in it? Look about you, fooliſh and blind ones; am not I he that do thus govern all things under the heavens? Am not I the Lord, that keep the ſun, the moon, and the ſtars, in order? Yea, I tell you, I am he that do all; who created man, and gave him life. I am he that create the wind, and formed the

earth, and make it fruitful: I the Lord God bring this to paſs, and cauſe the graſs to grow upon the barren mountains, and the ſeed upon the field; and I am he that every year do give the harveſt unto men, that he takes his fill of bread from my liberal bleſſing. I, I the Lord am he that have hitherto given you all things that you have ſtood in need of for your good; that you may take it to heart, and conſider it.

Conſider, ye imprudent children of Adam, and lay it to heart; for I ſhew you great kindneſs every day, and never yet did I deſire your deſtruction.

But you do greatly ſin againſt me, and make it too groſs; I cannot poſſibly bear it any longer unpuniſhed; I muſt puniſh you, diſobedient children: ye are no more my children, but the devil's, whom you ſerve, and the world. I will puniſh you, and ſweep you out of the land with the beſom of deſtruction; for I will bring miſchief upon the earth, and kindle a great fire in your Chriſtendom! "*I will raiſe up a Lion from the North, and a great Bird from the Eaſt; they ſhall come ſwiftly, as the wind from the riſing of the ſun; I will bring my ſervant Iſhmael, the* GREAT TURK, *upon you; I will gird my ſword upon his, and upon my ſervant* CHARLES's *ſide:*" I will ſend them againſt you, that they ſhall come upon you, and deal unmercifully with you; I will command them to gather together people as the duſt of the earth, and a multitude as the ſand on the ſea-ſhore; yea, as the ſand of the ſea, and the ſtars of heaven, cannot be numbered, for the great multitude of them, ſo ſhall the multitude of the people that I will bring againſt thee not be numbered. To theſe will I commit my judgment againſt you and your multitudes, in whom ye put your truſt; that they ſhall cover you in thy whole land, as thick clouds, in all places where thou art gathered together; and they ſhall judge you by their law, and deal very

very unmercifully with thee; they ſhall raviſh thy wives, and make thy daughters whores; and ſlay them and thy men with the ſword, and with bows and arrows; thy children ſhall they ſtrangle, rob thee of thy gold and ſilver, make deſolate thy cities, and make them heaps of ſtones. Yea, my wrath ſhall be terrible upon thee; for I will alſo viſit the iniquities of thy fathers, and puniſh thee to the utmoſt for them, and avenge them upon thy children; for you commit the very ſame evils that your fathers did commit.

And becauſe I have found you in the ſame crimes with your fathers, and which you commit yet worſe than your fathers ever did, in ſuch pride, and ſo great covetouſneſs, in ſuch wantonneſs and luſt; therefore will I alſo avenge myſelf upon you, and no man ſhall prevail with me for you; for my wrath againſt your fathers, and your evil deeds, is heavy upon you: for even the *bones of the dead* ſhall not be left in their *graves*, neither thoſe of the *kings*, nor of the *princes*, nor of any other, even to the very meaneſt of them all; for they ſhall be ſcattered upon the earth in the open air, and tread them into the mire with their feet, and that in all places where they find them. This comes upon thee for thy great wickedneſs that thou haſt committed before me upon the earth; and the ſtink of bodies, both of men and beaſts, that ſhall periſh by the great *two-edged ſword*, and by the *peſtilence* in all places, ſhall bring upon thee great *ſickneſſes* and *diſeaſes*, and infect all places upon the earth. And in that time ſhall very little wholeſome air be found, that ſhall not be infected and defiled; for grim *Death* ſhall at unawares fall upon the whole earth, as an armed man, yea, upon every one in particular! One ſhall be ſlain with the *ſword*, and be choaked, and ſhall die in great *torment* and *martyrdom*; another ſhall be very much tormented with very great *venomous diſtempers* in his body, which ſhall all

proceed and ariſe from great *ſickneſſes*. And thoſe diſtempers ſhall, in many *places*, ſeem ſo ſtrange to you, that nobody ſhall know what kind of ſickneſs it is, and you ſhall be miſerable, and die away for pain.

Cry out and lament now bitterly! There will be nobody to give you a cup of cold water to drink! for you alſo did not give me to drink when my children were thirſty; for what you did not unto them, ye did not unto me. And, moreover, you often deſpiſed my bread and water, and were very unthankful to me; for which cauſe I will take from you my bread and water, and make you ſuffer great hunger and thirſt. Ye ſhall miſerably faint away before *me*; and I will purſue you in all places with naked hangers to and fro, in your greateſt pains. And then thou wilt be weary of thy life, and wouldſt alſo be glad if ſomebody would right-out kill thee, and take away thy life: but thou muſt now bear it; for thou haſt made thyſelf guilty before the Lord, and brought it over thy own head by thy ſins, and it is thy own fault that I cauſe thee to be thus laſhed, for thou wouldſt not have it better. Therefore thou muſt bear ſuch ſhocks, and ſuch ſtripes, till the time of compaſſion ſhines upon thee again; but thou muſt now wait my time for it, till it pleaſes me. I have long waited upon you, and your repentance and amendment; but I am weary of my compaſſion towards thee. I will provide ſnares enough, in which thou ſhalt be catched and hanged; and if there ſhould not be enough, I will command all thy chaſtiſers, that they hang thee up by the hair in woods and fields, on the highways, green and withered trees. I will alſo make thy croſſes, and the ſigns of your being *capuchins*, thy miſery; for I will take down from the croſs my Jeſus, who has been ſo long crucified among you, and will cauſe you in his place to be nailed to the croſs a while; and there thou

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ſhalt cry out again for great pain; for I will make you now feel what it is, that you have hitherto crucified my ſons and my daughters. Ye ſhall often ſeek death, and not find it; ye ſhall deſire an hour of me to die, but then ſhall death flee from you, and you ſhall wait till I ſee fit. If you grow impatient, and will drown yourſelves, do ſo; you ſhall not eſcape my hell fire. If you will hide yourſelves in the hills and mountains from my avenging ſword, that you may alſo do: but the peſtilence and hungry dogs ſhall ſeek you out, and find you; they ſhall ſtrangle and kill you. For whoſo eſcapes my ſword, them ſhall my peſtilence ſlay, and the wild beaſts devour; for you ſhall not be ſecure from my wrath, nor in the thick woods, nor in the mountains, for I will deſtroy you when and whereſoever I find you, that at laſt you ſhall begin to ſay, for great diſtreſs and grief of heart, *Oh had we died in our mother's womb, and been ſtifled in the birth, then we ſhould not have ſuffered this great miſery, and ſeen the wrath of God ſo upon us, which deals thus terribly with us! O miſerable we! O miſerable we!*

Yea, dear ſouls, hadſt thou thus lamented in former days, when thou wert in thy fulneſs and madneſs, perhaps thou hadſt eſcaped this miſery; or at leaſt thou wouldſt not have been ſo deeply ſunk into my wrath and judgment. Surely thou findeſt now no comfort in thee, but anguiſh and grief of heart. Tell me! where are thy miſerable comforters now? Go to them, and let them comfort thee; ſurely they cry out for comfort as much as thou. Doſt not now ſee what miſerable comforters thou haſt had? Verily they are all fled from thee, and have left thee in the throat of the wolf! Truſt them no more, but another time truſt me, and then I will c rtainly, certainly deliver thee.
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But I will again have pity upon thee, when I have fully humbled thee, and made thy people *poor*; and when thou art become but a ſmall remnant, then

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will I in my great mercy gather thee, and ſend thee a redeemer, when the time of my wrath ſhall be at an end, which hath endured above three years and an half, with great perſecution. Then will I ſay unto thee, *Thou art my people!* and then ſhalt thou ſeek me, and ſay, *O Lord, my God!* ſaith the Lord God.

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Thus ſaith the Lord God, who from henceforth will be called the God of all Gods, who are in heaven and upon earth, and ſaith, I the Lord God am a great and mighty God. I, I am a very mighty King over all the kingdoms and kings in heaven and upon the earth; yea my name is called ſo: a King over all kings in heaven and upon earth, and a God over all, over all the creatures that I have made. I, I am the Lord; and I will not ſuffer any ſtranger to rule any longer, nor give unto the princes of this world, nor to the kings of this earth, power over my creatures. What! ſhould I give my honour unto another? Know ye that I am God, and that there is no other God but me; for I have created all things, all things that ever were created. I, I the Lord will myſelf receive my people, and govern them with my iron rod.

Thus ſaith the Lord God: Declare it to the kings of the earth, and to the rulers, and to the princes, and to the Chriſtians, and to all in power, as alſo to all my people whom I the Lord God have created. For my time is come that I the Lord God will be King upon earth over my people; for I will no longer give my honour to another, nor leave my renown to the kings upon earth, ſaith the Lord God. For I the Lord God am very angry with the kingdoms and kings of the earth. Shall they any longer rule over my people, and cauſe themſelves to be worſhipped as idols by my creatures? I will overturn

turn thoſe idol-ſeats of the kings, and throw down their mighty ones. I will caſt them down from their ſeats; for I am God, and there is none beſides me. And I am alone the mighty and holy God, a King over all creatures and gods upon earth, ſaith the Lord God.

Therefore, ye kings of the earth, humble yourſelves, and bow yourſelves down before my Almighty Hand: for your time is come to an end, and my time to reign and to rule is now come: for every one that is humble and lowly of heart, him will I exalt in my kingdoms over the whole earth; and all that is exalted will I humble, ſaith the Lord God.

Thus ſaith the Lord, To me alone belongs the kingdom and the crown over heaven and earth, which I have at preſent in my hand, and the righteous ſhall reign with me, as Kings upon earth. "For I will raiſe my children, Sion, out of the duſt, and I will give great power to my elect, upon my earth, in my kingdom."

But woe unto thee Babel, and thy kings; I will caſt them down, ſaith the Lord God, into the duſt with thee, thou entangled confounded Babylon, and ſhelter thyſelf in the clefts of the rocks, and hide thyſelf in the earth, from my great and high majeſty: for thou ſhalt eat earth as an otter, and lick the duſt as a ſerpent; for I have broken thy ſtool upon my earth, and quite beaten down thy power or violence to the ground in the world.

But Sion will I build up, and carry her walls high, and I will eſtabliſh her Jeruſalem, or city of peace, and ſhe *alone ſhall ſhine forth upon my earth:* for I will build up Jeruſalem with holy ſtones, and will myſelf become a wall of fire round about her, and ſhe ſhall be called my *City of Peace, Jehovah, the City of the Lord.*

For I will be a King over my people for ever, and my kingdom ſhall not deſcend unto another

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people. "And no beaſt ſhall any more rule over my choſen ones in my world for a long time; for I will root out all the ungodly, and ſtrangle them with the ſword of my mouth.

I, I am God, and none but I! "And my Son, whom I will call out of Babel and Egypt, to him will I ſend the ſcepter from Sion, that he may rule over my people Iſrael, whom I have called after the Spirit, from among all heathens, tongues, and languages: and my Son ſhall rule over my Chriſtendom, and over all heathens with his iron ſcepter, as a King of Righteouſneſs; and all my ſons and daughters, whom he ſhall beget unto me by his Spirit, ſhall with me ſit upon my royal ſeat, and he ſhall make them princes in the whole world, from generation to generation."

For I am the Lord, a great and mighty King over all creatures in heaven and upon earth, ſaith the Lord God.

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Be ye then converted, ye children of men, ſaith the Lord God; for I can no longer ſo have compaſſion upon thee, for you make it too too ill; yea ſo that never any people, nay, no heathens, have dealt ſo ill as you, ſaith the Lord God.

O ye baſtards! ye are begotten by the ſpirit of the world, ye are full of tranſgreſſion, ye are before me as *mere black-a-moors* in your wickedneſs, and do altogether ſin before me, by your tranſgreſſion and ſins!

So hear now, ſince you are become ſuch an *abominable ſtink in my noſtrils*, by reaſon of your great ſins; therefore I *muſt from this time forward* hide my face from you, as the right ſubſtance, by reaſon of your dreadful ſins and tranſgreſſions; for you are become ſuch an abominable ſtink before me, that, as I

live, I can no longer have compaſſion with you. But I will bring over you *Dungers* with great *dung-forks*, who ſhall *dung* thee from off the earth, with thy great heap, as an abominable *ſin-dunghill*; and ſo I will make an end of thy ſtink upon earth. And I will cleanſe my earth, by the fire of my fierce wrath, and burn all the *Dung* under the whole heavens, that has made ſuch a ſtink in my noſtrils. Thus I will make an end of theſe baſtards and adulterers, and root them out under the heavens, to a ſmall remnant; and them I will cleanſe unto myſelf, and bring them to my holy *hill*, that they may have a *habitation* there in my *land*, ſaith the Lord God: for I will deſtroy all the ungodly under the face of the heavens, among all heathens, people, tongues, and languages; and will very ſpeedily make an end of all the wicked, ſaith the Lord God. And I will no more have compaſſion with the ungodly, ſeeing they ſin ſo abominably, and roar out as the lions, out of their great wickedneſs, againſt me and my inheritance, and heap ſin upon ſin, and one iniquity upon another. They are ſhameleſs, ſlanderers, and evil-ſpeakers, a lying and deceitful multitude among high and low; wrathful, contentious, wizzards, murderers, ſodomites, whoremongers, adulterers, unfaithful, covetous, mockers, envious, uncharitable, without affection, proud, and drowned in all wickedneſs; of theſe there is a great and ſhameful multitude, ſaith the Lord God. For they deſpiſe my commands, and have conceived ways of their own, by which they will be ſaved; but they reject my righteous law, which the Spirit owns when it is uſed aright; but they have choſen unto themſelves ways of their own, by great pomp in religion, or in their churches, where they have a great deal of preaching and prattling at random; but not he that babbles to them, nor they that hear him, will practiſe any thing, and yet they hear it with pleaſure, when the praters promiſe them heaven, and let them go on in their ſinful

life: and in their full and wild luſtful life, they ſay, *O that's a brave miniſter! he tells us the matter.* O thou vain, and in ſin drowned man! what did he then ſay to thee? Surely he has laid thee a ſoft pillow under thy head, that thou mayeſt not be frighted at thy ſinful, goatiſh, vile life. But ſtay a little, I, I the Lord will ſoon ſend ſome to preach on another manner to thee, and ſpeak unto thee with other lips. But I will firſt remove from thee thy vain babblers and pillow-ſowers, and caſt and hurl thee and them out of the land with my great ſhovel. Then ſhall thy chaff be ſeen, when the wind ſhall blow it away out of my barn. And who are my grain, they ſhall not periſh, ſaith the Lord God, *I will ſuddenly deſtroy them all, that have led the people ſo aſtray:* for I will puniſh them, and will make it known unto them by my judgments. Then will I cleanſe them from their idols, and cauſe my people to be preached to *by right and true lips*, and my quickening law, which the Spirit gives in their hearts, and inward parts, that they ſhall all know me, ſaith the Lord God, who is called the *God* of all gods in heaven and on earth.

Thus ſaith the Lord God, All power that is in heaven and upon earth is mine, therefore will I root out all idols. I will deſtroy their idols of gold and ſilver wherever they ſtand, and by what name ſoever they be called, whether in their cheſts or their chambers. For I will make an end of all whoring with all manner of idols, that have been hitherto a ſnare unto my people, and have ſtole their hearts away, that my people would not draw nigh unto me with their hearts. I will deſtroy them, ſaith the Lord God. I the Lord God will then deſtroy the *Emperor* and ——,* and all that are *exalted* upon my earth; I will extirpate all thy patrons which thou haſt choſen to thyſelf, for thy fleſhly arm, as idols. I will extirpate thy pride devil, which is thy idol whom thou doſt worſhip.

* The publiſher thoug t proper to omit the word which is in the original.

worſhip. I will root out all thy wantonneſt devils, which thou haſt choſen by thy fleſhly luſt to commit. I will root out all thy *idle talk*, all thy *evil language*, which thou uſeſt in words and works, and haſt choſen to thyſelf as thy natural idols, for ever and ever.

I will wholly extirpate thy whoring ſpirit, which thou haſt choſen to thyſelf as a fleſhly natural idol. I will wholly root out thy curſing devil, which thou haſt choſen to thyſelf as a natural idol. I will utterly root out from off the earth all *drunkards*, yea, all ſuch calumniating *idols*. I will totally root out all *drinking* and *gluttonizing devils*, which thou haſt choſen to thyſelf as natural reviling idols. I will for ever deſtroy thoſe *well-fatted men* that have choſen their fat *paunches* for their god. I will for ever deſtroy thoſe great *kine*, and groſs *well-fed oxen*, who have been mere idols to my people: for they have drawn away my people from me and my true being, ſo that my people have diſhonoured me. But they have given themſelves *great titles* before the world, that they alone may be honoured by men upon the earth. I will wholly root out all their *mammon*, their *fine houſes*, their *fine cloaths*, their *attire*, their *rich and great revenues*, their *great honour*, their *great tyrannical power*, their *pleaſure*, their *glory*, and all they do enjoy and poſſeſs, from the greateſt to the leaſt, from the richeſt to the pooreſt, from the moſt learned to the moſt unlearned, will I totally extirpate, and all thoſe that have been the ſins and idols of my people, from the earth, that ſo the man that is left upon my world, that is to come, ſhall no more defile himſelf with idols, but honour me his living God and Creator, that made him. Thus will I make an end of all idols and idolaters, that nobody ſhall any longer glory in a ſtrange god, who is not god, but an idol, ſaith the Lord God.

This is now the judgment upon *Chriſtendom*, which God, the true and faithful witneſs, commanded

manded me to write, and to ſhew unto the world their judgment: if perhaps they will amend themſelves, and be converted from the evil one to God, and that he may ſhew mercy unto them, when their converſion is upright; for, believe it, it ſhall certainly, moſt certainly come to paſs. For I teſtify unto you this day, and do ſet before you proſperity and adverſity, curſing and bleſſing, life and death, and I do teſtify it unto you, as the Lord hath teſtified it to his ſervant John Maximilian, who has propheſied and ſpoken this through him, againſt his *Chriſtendom* upon earth.

Wherefore hear the words of your God, ſaith the Lord God: Behold I lay before you this day (you heathens that ſay unto me, I, I am your God) heaven and hell, light aad darkneſs, life and death, good and evil, curſes and bleſſing; lay hold on which you will, and chooſe one of them to yourſelf, which you pleaſe, it ſhall be given you this day, in this very houſe that you read it, whether it be heaven or hell, life or death, light or darkneſs, good or bad, bleſſing or curſe: if thou wilt now chooſe heaven, good, light, bleſſing, and life, then chooſe this day unto thyſelf the reproach, and the deſpiſed life, of my crucified Son Jeſus Chriſt, and follow thou my Jeſus. If thou haſt choſen his reproach, thou ſhalt be partaker of the bleſſing which heaven gives. Now if thou wilt ſave thy life, then chooſe to thyſelf my Son Jeſus Chriſt crucified, and by him crucify thy evil luſts and deſires, then will he this day ſave thee, and will hereafter give thee eternal life, to enjoy it to eternity in heaven.

He that will not have me thus, and receive me for his God, let him from henceforth forbear defiling my holy name, and go on in your wicked ways, ſerving your father the devil, whom ye have hitherto ſerved in your looſe life; then I will give you, with the wicked one, the everlaſting curſe, death, darkneſs,

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and hell-fire, as your reward, inſtead of your bleſſing, which you put away from you.

And I will curſe you every where upon my whole earth wherever you are; curſed ſhall ye be wherever you go, curſed where you ſtand, curſed where you lie, curſed in your habitations, curſed ſhall be *all your days* that you ſpend in my world with vanity and idle chat; curſed be all you that eat and drink, and you ſhall become nothing elſe but a mere curſe, eternal torment, and fewel to the fire. The curſe ſhall reign in all thy doings, and will finally deſtroy thy whole empty body, which thou didſt ſo pamper in this world! Thy *waking* and *ſleeping* ſhall be accurſed; curſed ſhalt thou be in all that thou *takeſt in hand*, to gain *riches* and *pleaſure* in this *world*. Curſed ſhall be thy *honour* in this world, which thou receiveſt of men. Curſed ſhall be thy *coveting* after *money*. Curſed wilt thou be in thy gorgeous attire; curſed wilt thou be in thy top-knots; curſed in thy ſaddles; curſed in your long ſcarves; curſed in your coſtly ſhoes; curſed in the gold and ſilver which thou weareſt on thy body, making thyſelf as ſome great one. Curſed is thy *dwelling* and *vain palace*. Curſed be all thy *periwigs*, which thou uſeſt for thy pride, together with all *periwig-makers*,* that help to propagate thy pride!

All *traders* and *callings*, that tend to the maintaining of *vanity*, and not *neceſſity*, ſhall be accurſed. The *ſhoemakers* that propagate pride, as alſo *taylors*, and all ſuch as propagate pride, and the pomp of bordered and embroidered cloaths. Curſed again will be all trades or guilds, becauſe they are ſuch beaſts, and gripe all advantage to themſelves, proſecuting all that will not come into their guilds, and ſubmit to their orders. Curſed be all makers of *pipes*,

* It was cuſtomary in France, on Good Fridays, to repreſent the Saviour by an image dreſſed in a large three-tail periwig.

pipes, and inſtruments of muſic; curſed be *muſicians* and *dancing-maſters;* curſed be all *carvers of images,* and *idols;* and accurſed ſhall they all be that honour and worſhip them. Curſed ſhalt thou be in thy *ſabbaths,* and ſelf-choſen *holidays;* curſed ſhalt thou be in thy *going to church,* and *church pomp* or *ſolemnities;* curſed will be thy vain *hearing* and *learning,* while thou wilt not practiſe and do accordingly.

Curſed art thou, with thy falſely ſo-called *Lord's Supper,* thou *anti-chriſtian woman,* both thou that doſt adminiſter, and thou that doſt receive it, while thou doſt it not in my ſanctification, in the true footſteps of my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, who commanded it. For thy ſupper is not his ſupper that he commanded; but, thou anti-chriſtian woman, thou doſt inſtitute it, and giveſt it to the children of the devil, which thou haſt begotten not unto me but unto the devil, and ſo hath communion in thy ſupper with thoſe that are like unto thyſelf.

Therefore is it, that the ſupper which my Son inſtituted, made common for thoſe that were like unto him. He, then, that will follow him, as his diſciples did, he ſhall partake of his ſpirit and of his ſupper: for he inſtituted it for his followers that bear his croſs, as a remembrance that they ſhall ſuffer with him, and be broken, as he broke his bread, which repreſented his *body.*

He, then, that will not become ſuch bread, he is no broken bearer of the croſs of my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, and he belongs not to the choſen number of his members; but he is a child of the devil, and a member of the anti-chriſtian woman, and belongs to the number of the devil's members, who is his father, and to the anti-chriſtian woman, that bore him, who is his mother, and all her children are his brethren, and they make all together one wretched body, and one ungodly heap.

Therefore your *ſupper* is a *ſingular ſupper,* and theſe

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two ſuppers are as far diſtant from each other, as heaven is diſtant from hell: for their's is of the devil, and mine is of my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, who was crucified, and his whole body; which body are his elect with him.

Therefore I ſay that the ungodly ones, that lead a wicked life, and do not follow my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, in the denial of themſelves, in the reproach and ſcorn of the world, all thoſe, ſay I the Lord God, belong to the body of Anti-chriſt, and are the children of the devil, by whatſoever names they are called; yea, although they were the hoſt of the Emperor himſelf, the brethren of the pope, the number of kings and cardinals, they are all members of the devil, together with all ſuch princes, earls, gentlemen, biſhops, prieſts, citizens, and huſbandmen, in whatſoever ſect they are, none excepted; for they make out together one body of anti-chriſtians. Thus the devil is their god and father, whoſe followers they have been, in their wicked lives and converſations; for they would not follow the true life of my Jeſus, in his deſpiſed ſtate, and ſelf-denial in this world, for which cauſe I have rejected them, ſaith the Lord God.

On the contrary, whoſo takes upon himſelf the reproach and croſs of my deareſt Son Jeſus Chriſt, he ſhall be a dear child of God, and a right living member of the body of my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt. For all my elect are his holy and perfect body, when they enter into the denial of themſelves, and bear the croſs and reproof of Chriſt, then they are true members of Jeſus Chriſt, in all ſects and nations, and in all ſtates and conditions, high or low, emperors or kings, earls or gentlemen, popes, biſhops, prieſts, or common laymen. When they forſake their pride, and lay aſide that beaſtly, wicked, oppreſſing life, not perſecuting any, but take up the croſs and poor life of my Jeſus, and follow him; ſuch I ſay, can be

joined unto, or grafted into, the true life of my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt, as living members, and can become one body, one ſoul, and one ſpirit with him, and be tranſplanted into the Holy Trinity, which will then ſeal them, and confirm them in God, and ſo the Manhood and Godhead will become inſeparably one.

Here is a token, and is the true touchſtone by which they can be diſtinguiſhed, which are the children of my true Spouſe, and which the children of the Whore, ſaith the Lord God.

I have laid before you, children of men upon earth, curſing and bleſſing, by the command of God, who required it of me; therefore learn now to know what it is to abuſe God and his creatures; and I tell it you from the mouth of God, who has ſent me to you, that you may take it to heart, and give reſpect to the words of God, or elſe the curſe and wrath of God will certainly fall upon you, if you do not renounce all that is contrary to his great majeſty. Deceive not yourſelves, for God will not be mocked, but your folly will be mocked; becauſe bleſſing was offered you, and you put it away from you, and choſe the curſe rather, which alſo ſhall be given you; and you ſhall put it on in your inward man as a ſhirt, becauſe ye would have none of the bleſſing, nor be ſaved, although ye may yet attain unto it, as all the bleſſed of the Lord, that were in times paſt children of this world, as you are, and yet now are ſaved by the bleſſing of the Lord, which they received from the Lord in Jeſus Chriſt, who has now bleſſed them, ſo that they ſhall be bleſſed for ever.

Therefore, ſaith the Lord God, that all freemen and ſervants of the Lord, whereſoever they are, and wherever they dwell, ſhall be bleſſed; becauſe all their thoughts and endeavours are only to be faithful unto God, and to love him in their doings. And

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bleſſed will be their eating, bleſſed their drinking, bleſſed their waking and ſleeping, bleſſed will be their going forth and coming in, bleſſed their praying, bleſſed their praiſing and thankſgiving, bleſſed their labour and reſt, yea all that they take in hand ſhall be bleſſed by the Lord their God; for they uſe all creatures to the praiſe of God, and in them do enjoy mere bleſſings, for they are ſtrangers to vanity. If they eat or drink any thing, they do it to ſatisfy their neceſſities, and in a great child-like fear before their God; and they are very cautious how they do miſuſe any thing, becauſe the Lord God has ſo ſeverely forbidden it. If they put on cloaths, they do it out of mere neceſſity, to cover their bodies, and ſtand always in a holy, pure, child-like fear before their God and Father, not to put on any thing that may diſpleaſe him: for he narrowly inſpects his children, and tries all their doings; and the children alſo have their eyes upon their Father, for they love me, ſaith the Lord God; therefore do I look narrowly, and give good heed to all my elect. Bleſſed is the man that cleaves unto me, and is one ſpirit and ſoul with me; happy are they all, that wholly offer themſelves up unto me, for I will make them children of my right hand: happy are they, for they ſhall be well with me; it ſhall go well, well, well with them for ever; yea, they ſhall for ever remain in the brightneſs of the unchangeable light, and dwell therein for ever, and never die: this ſhall be the reward of all the friends of God.

O that all might love and taſte thee, thou ſweet God, and Father of hearts! then they would be no more ſo fooliſh as to worſhip the devil for God, and honour him ſo much in this world, as they now do; nor would they prefer hell before heaven, and death before life, the curſe before bleſſing, the darkneſs before the light, the corruptible before the durable: but they ought to chooſe that which is well-pleaſing to

me, and to do that which would be profitable to them, and make them worthy to inherit my bleſſing temporally and eternally, and never ſet themſelves againſt my holy majeſty, and not aſcribe unto themſelves, nor receive that name, as mortal creatures that belong unto me, as the immortal and everlaſting God.

Behold, ye children of men, I have cauſed curſing and bleſſing to be ſet before you; lay hold upon my bleſſing, and you ſhall live with me for ever, and have peace and joy with me and all my choſen ones, and be preſerved with them till I fetch them home again out of this miſerable world out of my city of peace, Jeruſalem, where all your reſt and peace is, *Amen, Amen,* ſaith the Lord of Hoſts; *Amen.*

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Hearken, now, ye mountains, and conſider, ye wilderneſſes. Thus ſaith the Lord God, I will rend the mountains, and all rocks ſhall ſpring before me as glaſs.

I will aſſault thee, *thou high tower of Babylon,* and I will break thee into ſmall bits, and ſcatter thy ſtones upon the earth, and will caſt thee out of my vineyard, that thou ſhalt be no where to be found, ſaith the Lord God; and will cauſe the wine-preſs of Babylon to be digged up in all my vineyards throughout my whole Chriſtendom, in which the dragon-like ones, and the GREAT TYRANTS have preſſed out their venom, and the *new wine of their falſe clergy,* and filled it into the whoriſh veſſel of their abominable fornication, and made it ſo full with the ſame, that it has run over, ſo that cities and countries have been overflown with the wine of their fornication.

Therefore give ear, ye mountains, and all ye countries that are become drunk with this *wine of fornication;* repent of your drunkenneſs, and become

again ſober, from the wine which the great whore hath poured forth into her unclean cup.

For they are inflamed with their divinations, as a fiery furnace; and with their preachments and loud cries, as the ravens in the time of tempeſt: for by their human inventions, and the wine of fornication, is my whole people ſeduced, and made drunk with the falſe preachings of human wiſdom. They are all murderers, and a murderous ſpirit rules them; they have ſlain my elect, and I have found in their ſtreets all the blood of my faithful witneſſes, and have ſeen that great whore in her wine-preſs, drunk with the blood of my elect, which ſhe has deſtroyed, becauſe of the great fornication, which at preſent ſhe is now a driving in all the three ſects. And the ſtreets of their cities are defiled in all places with blood; which they have ſo heaped up, and ſpilt upon a high rock, that that great city, which is the Babyloniſh Chriſtendom, ſtaggers as a drunken blood-thirſty woman, by reaſon of the great quantity of blood that ſhe has ſwallowed down as water, of my faithful witneſſes. Therefore I will caſt her out at once, by a *great tempeſt*, which I will bring over her from the *Eaſt*; I will threſh her as the threſhing-floor, and will ſlay her fleſh, and will give it to the dogs to eat, and ſet her on fire and burn her; I will ſtrip her naked of all her imaginary righteouſneſs, and will lay her nakedneſs open before the eyes of all men, that every one may ſee that ſhe has been a whore, when I the Lord God ſhall wholly diſcover her, and ſhall have made her bare before the eyes of her lovers: for the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her; both in Chriſtendom, and in all places, hath ſhe called her lovers to her, to commit fornication with her.

And, to that purpoſe, ſhe cauſed to be made for her a very ſumptuous, coſtly *church-bed*; and when her night-ſeaſon for ſinning came, ſhe drew the great

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and mighty ones in unto her by whole kingdoms at a clap, and took them that very night to her, into her *church* and *cloiſter-beds;* and when that night was paſt, ſhe called others to her, till ſhe had filled all with her fornications, till at laſt ſhe had ſtretched out her whore's-bed into all lands, with *churches* and *cloiſters.* And when the night for her whoredoms drew nigh, ſhe ſet a *watch* about her *church* and pompous *cloiſter* and *monaſtical-beds.* And to them that would not go in unto her at nights, and give her whore's wages, to them ſhe gave whore's wages, and money enough to boot, to lie with her that night; ſo that they begot many fleſhly children betwixt them, that ſo her houſe, Anti-Chriſtendom, might increaſe; ſo that ſhe brought in unto her cities and kingdoms, and gained carnal lovers. And ſhe took unto herſelf many huſbands, having made ſuch a ſumptuous *whore's-bed,* upon which they lay together. And thus ſhe hath blinded men to this very day, with her great *whore's-bed,* which is ſo gorgeouſly adorned with all ornaments and jewels, ſaith the Lord God.

Now when I ſhall have made her bare, and uncovered her, before the eyes of all people, then I will make thoſe *popiſh-prieſt-whores,* in all the *three ſects,* bluſh and be aſhamed, and chaſtiſe them; to wit, the *Popiſh, Lutheran,* and *Calviniſt, Reformed* or *Preſbyterian* common *whore,* and will wholly root them out, ſo far as ſhe is ſpread in theſe *three ſects,* and in all *nations:* for they are all alike, and are all become unto me an abomination through their groſs whoredom, ſaith the Lord God. And the reſt I will convert when I have chaſtiſed them, and they ſhall have humbled themſelves before me, ſaith the Lord God.

Then ſhall we ſee Sion appear built up by God; when I have judged that great *prieſt-whore,* who has all along cauſed my people to err, and diverted or

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turned aſide my people with outward *ceremonies*, *church*, and *ſupper-ſolemnities*, and by thoſe confirmed them in their ſinful, wicked lives: " But I will bring forth Mount Sion, and will make it a very high and exalted hill. And I will gather the four ends of the earth round about Mount Sion, that they ſhall encamp about her, as my inheritance, and the people of my poſſeſſion; for my ſolitary one, that formerly was a Widow, ſhall now inherit my holy hill; and I will give her a Son, that ſhall defend her as a Man. But I the Lord of Hoſts will be her only and everlaſting Huſband, and beget many children with her, who ſhall be my heritance and poſſeſſion. And they ſhall all poſſeſs my holy hill, whom I the Lord God have begotten by my Word, and made new creatures by my Spirit, who is your eternal and only Mother; even the Mother of all virgin, pious hearts, which are begotten again unto this living hope of God, and gives me many *choſen ones*, which are all our children.

" And they ſhall be a ſweet ſavour for ſeven days, till the evening of the world.

" For my lamb ſhall have ſeven horns upon his head, which ſhall be unto me an ornament to my houſe, to the joy and rejoicing of my elect ones. And they ſhall blow them one after another, and gather all nations, tongues, and languages, to the Lord's feaſt of tabernacles, which we ſhall now ſoon keep in the evening of the world, I with all my elect, and rejoice ourſelves in the feaſt of tabernacles.

" And my ſeven thunders ſhall then alſo, one after another, utter, and cauſe *to be heard, their voice*, as a ſtrong trumpet, whoſe voice ſhall ſpeak very fruitfully, to a hundred-fold praiſe of God upon the earth; and then ſhall that ſeven-fold golden light ſhine forth with ſeven burning torches: for this my golden ſun ſhall cauſe a light to aſcend upon my earth, as in former times, and enlighten the earth

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ſeven days of ſolemnity. For that golden light ſhall enlighten the whole earth, and all creatures therein, by the ſeven burning Spirits of God; for they are the ſeven Eyes of God, that run through the whole land, with the penetrating brightneſs of my great luſtre, ſaith the Lord God."

And the name of my elect Son Jeſus ſhall be with thee in thoſe days, as the ſun in it's full brightneſs, and ſhall enlighten my elect royal Sion. O how happy, happy, happy are they that are called to the *marriage-ſupper* of the Lamb! for this to me is a happy time for all my elect, and their bleſſed inheritance that I have prepared for them upon earth, till the laſt *end of time*.

And I will increaſe them, and ſpread abroad their bleſſed ſeed before me, as far as the world extends, ſo that they ſhall inherit my *golden paradiſe upon earth*.

And this is the day of ſolemnity, which thy Lord has commanded thee to keep, as an inward, ſtill *ſabbath-reſt*, that thou ſhalt reſt from all the trouble and labour that I commanded thee from the beginning. I will place my rainbow in the clouds, and remember the covenant of my peace, which I have promiſed unto you: for ye, my choſen ones, ſhall have great peace upon earth for a long time, and my ſun of righteouſneſs ſhall ariſe in all the tribes upon earth, and ſhall enlighten, ſanctify, and bleſs them; for I am the golden praiſe and land of all tongues and people upon earth, from henceforth and for ever.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and all hoſts that are therein, and let the whole earth be joyful and glad: for my bleſſing ſhall reſt therein, and I will take way the curſe; for I will be unto them a bleſſed paradiſe upon earth. And I will drive away the cherub which hath drawn out his flaming ſword againſt thee, O my Sion! at the entrance of paradiſe.

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And I promiſe thee, Sion, that I will plant thee in thy paradiſe, which I will now open in thee; I will dwell in thee, and thou ſhalt be unto me a bleſſed ſeed upon earth, ſaith the Lord God.

Here follow the VISIONS *and* REVELATIONS *of the Great* GOD, *which I ſaw concerning all Kingdoms; the firſt of which was upon Michaelmas-Day, upon the Sunday of the Goſpel of the great Command, in the Year* 1709; *and others afterwards, partly in the ſame Year, and partly in this preſent current Year,* 1710, *as follows:*

THE

FIRST VISION.

WHEN I had been buſy the whole Sunday with writing, praying, and reading, and in the evening, while I was in prayer, my ſpirit was, as it were, in a rapture, betwixt day and night; and behold, the heaven above me appeared as *bright and clear as cryſtal;* and behold, as I looked upon it, there appeared *two ſuns very near one another,* the one towards the *north,* much larger than that towards the *ſouth,* in the *midſt of the heaven.* The *ſun* towards the *ſouth* ſeemed as if there was a ſmall gap or breach in it; but the ſplendour of it was more glorious than that of the natural ſun: but that towards the *north* was round, and full, or perfect, much larger and brighter than the other, and pointed to the *weſt* and *eaſt.* And behold there appeared about theſe two ſuns great half-moons, from one end of the heaven to

the other, very bright, and as big as the natural moon, when it is half.

As I was obſerving it, behold! there appeared a *thick wood*, in which were all *kind of trees*, great, middling, and ſmall trees, and ſhrubs, and many thorn-buſhes. As I now was ſtanding on the ſide of the *wood*, betwixt the *weſt* and the *ſouth*, looking and obſerving, behold there appeared *a mighty fire*, and *a ſtrong tempeſt*, from the *north* and the *eaſt*, from betwixt which the fire iſſued forth: and the whole *wood* was in a moment ſet on *fire*, and ſo *conſumed*, that very few of the *thick* and middle-ſized *trees* were left ſtanding; and that which remained ſtanding was wholly ſcorched by the fire-flames. Now at the *end of the wood* there were *four men* ſtanding, who quenched the heat and flames of the fire. And there remained ſome fire-ſhrubs and bruſh-wood, which were preſerved from the mighty heat and flames of the fire; and I ſtood in the fire, and alone was preſerved with *the men* that quenched the fire. When I had ſeen this, there came a mighty voice to me from out of the fire, which ſpake unto me, "Go thy way to the daughter of my people, yea, to the land of thy nativity, and ſay unto her, Thus ſaith the Lord: Behold a tempeſtuous wind comes from the *Eaſt*, and *North*, and *South*, and with them aſcends the fire of my wrath and fury, and I will blow it up, or kindle it among them, ſo that it ſhall conſume all their power, and their heights and depths; therefore ſay unto them, Be ye converted from your violences, and from your pride, and from oppreſſing the needy, and help the poor and oppreſſed, the widows, the orphans, and ſtrangers, and let them find mercy with you, and then I will turn my eyes unto you, in the day that is now coming in mercy towards you."

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THE INTERPRETATION OF THIS VISION,

From the Mouth of GOD Himſelf.

WHEN I inquired of the Lord, after I had this Viſion, what was the meaning of the two ſuns and half-moons, and the wood with the great and ſmall trees, and ſhrubs, and bruſh-wood; the great fire, and the four men that were with me preſerved, and afterwards quenched the fire in the wood, ſo that it was quite extinct; the Lord anſwered me, and ſpeaking to me, ſaid, " The ſerene Heaven, which I ſhewed thee as a bright cryſtal, is the future *Paradiſiacal Earth*, which I will now, by the fire of wrath, cleanſe from all ungodlineſs, towards the *Weſt*, towards the *South*, towards the *North*, and towards the *Eaſt;* for I will thoroughly cleanſe my earth, and will afterwards give it to my elect to inherit, and will ſubject to them the four ends of the world. The two Suns, that thou ſaweſt by one another, in the midſt of the heavens, that gave ſuch a great ſplendour over the whole earth, are my Golden Altars in the *Turkiſh* and *Roman* kingdoms, accompanying my everlaſting Goſpel, which, after the great tribulation, ſhall ſpread their great and bright ſhining ſplendour, through thoſe two great bodies, over the whole earth; theſe are the two Suns: and that they were cloſe by one another, ſignifies that they ſhall, together with my everlaſting Goſpel, ſhine upon earth, and ſhall afterwards point at two Kingdoms, which will have their ſignification. But my Golden Altar will I propagate in another place hereafter; and then ſhall my glory be at it's higheſt pitch upon earth, round and perfect, as in the beginning. But the Half-Moons ſhall firſt reign over the whole world: *u. m. k. c. ſ. b. a. e. m. m. a. e. w. u. d. w.* Moreover, it ſhall yet be hidden what hereafter ſhall appear under the laſt government of the faireſt *Sun*; for I will glorify my holy name, in

the beginning of my people, and in the end, I will ſhew myſelf glorified upon the whole earth, and ſhine before them as the full Sun, ſaith the Lord God."

And the Lord God ſpake further, and ſaid to me: "The Wood which thou ſaweſt is the whole *Empire*, with the whole *Roman Chriſtendom*, together with the whole Earth at preſent; but in particular it ſignifies *Chriſtendom*, and the *Roman Empire of the Houſe of Auſtria*. And the Trees which thou ſaweſt, are her Kingdoms, great and ſmall, together with the Principalities, Earldoms, and all Countries that do belong unto the *Roman Empire*, mighty, middling, and ſmaller countries, who do all lead a very licentious life before me. And her Kings, and Princes, and Earls, and Nobles, and Counſellors, and Generals, and Military Perſons, high and low, and all Mighty Ones upon earth, that do rule over theſe lands, are the *Bodies* of the Trees in the Wood, in the kingdoms of this wicked world, ſaith the Lord God. But the Shrubs and Bruſh-Wood that thou ſaweſt in the Wood, ſtanding up and down, are the ungodly Common People, and the whole Anti-Chriſtendom in general, that ſeek their protection under the Tall Trees of the Kingdoms and Kings, and of ſuch there is a great and ſhameful multitude. But I will ſend forth over them my fiery ſword; that is, war, famine, wild beaſts, and peſtilence, which ſhall conſume great multitudes of people, and devour them in all places in the whole empire, ſo far as the Whore of Babylon ſhall have ſpread itſelf in the *three ſects. I will caſt her down from her exaltation, and throw her down to the earth; and then I will raiſe up the poor, that love my name, ſaith the Lord God."

And the Lord ſaid further to me: "The Four Men which thou ſaweſt at the end of the wood, reſiſting the fire, are the Four Ends of the World, as the kings and princes, and all the mighty ones, that at

* Theſe are explained in another place.

at that time ſhall remain over upon the earth, after thoſe great and heavy judgments that I ſhall bring over the world. They ſhall turn inwardly unto themſelves and fall down at my feet, and pray unto me for mercy. And then ſhall my fiery wrath be quenched, which burnt terribly over them for their looſe lives, and my mercy ſhall remove and extinguiſh all wrath againſt them, ſaith the Lord God. But I will preſerve thee and my elect in all tribulations, nor ſhall any harm come upon you from my hand, whoſoever is upright before me on the earth; but the wicked ſhall be rooted out by my great fiery wrath, be they never ſo many, ſaith the Lord God. This is the meaning of the great viſion that I ſhewed thee, ſaith the Lord God."

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Thus ſaith the Lord God: I will bring a great plague or peſtilence among this people, they ſhall find it that have ſinned ſo grievouſly againſt me, and do ſtill ſin grievouſly againſt me, ſaith the Lord God; for I will kindle a great mountain with fire among them, that ſhall ſtand kindled before them with great peſtilence, ſteams, and ſmoke of fire. I will bring great miſery upon them, ſo that they ſhall ſufficiently perceive it every where, when I ſhall fill their cities with the peſtilence, and with dead men's bones, ſo that there ſhall but few people remain over in many places, by reaſon of the plague. I will ſmite *England*, *Holland*, *France*, and other places, or countries, with a heavy peſtilence, ſo that the plague ſhall reach unto *Germany*, and there ſhall no kingdom eſcape free, where the plague and the ſword ſhall not prevail; for all fleſh have grievouſly provoked me, where people do ſin ſo raſhly againſt me, in their full and mad luſts. Woe, woe be unto them! for I will ſpeedily make an end of them, ſaith the Lord God.

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But my raging fire ſhall not only be the plague, as a rod over the wicked, which I will ſend among them; for that alone is too light a ſcourge upon the wicked and ungodly, that have ſo forgotten me, deſpiſe my command, and ſo raſhly ſin againſt me. Therefore, woe unto thee *Poland!* woe unto thee *Sileſia!* woe unto thee *Saxony!* you ſhall be the beginning in my heavy judgments in wrath *from the Eaſt*. I the Lord God will viſit you with a great and *ſtrong ſword*, together with *great peſtilence*, and with all fierce and furious beaſts, by which you ſhall be torn in pieces, and devoured. For thus ſaith the Lord God: I will bring the great and fiery ſword of vengeance upon them from the *Eaſt*, and from the *North*, and there ſhall alſo come one from the *South* upon them. I will ſtir them up one againſt another, that the ſound ſhall be as if ſwords ſtruck againſt each other; for the one ſhall fall upon the other, and ſhall deſtroy him, one king the other, and one prince the other. But I will very ſpeedily bring them from all places, in heaps together, and then I will ſpread my net over them, and catch them in my ſnares.

For I will put into my ſervant *Charles*'s hand my avenging ſword, and he ſhall bring a great multitude of people upon them from the *Eaſt*. What remedy? then ſhall *Poland*, *Sileſia*, and *Saxony*, be before him as a diſmayed woman, and effect nothing, although they ſhould arm themſelves againſt him; for they ſhall go againſt him as great clouds, with many people, kingdoms, and principalities. But when the *Lion* ſhall come upon them, and ſhall begin to roar from the *North*, and from the *Eaſt*, then ſhall they begin to dread; but he ſhall take courage, and fall upon them with his naked teeth, in great fury. Then ſhall the *Polanders*, *Saxons*, and *thoſe that have ſet themſelves againſt him*, be terribly affrighted, and run away from him as the foxes, and

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ſhall ſeek ſhelter in the rocks, and ſhall flee before the ſword of vengeance that ſhall be drawn againſt them. This is the reward of all the wicked, that have ſinned againſt me, ſaith the Lord God.

And my ſervant *Charles*, ſaith the Lord God, ſhall be unto me in theſe days as my *ſervant David* in former days, and he ſhall be called *a man after my own heart*, who alone ſhall do my will. I will ſend him againſt great and mighty people, againſt kings and princes, and againſt *the whole Houſe of Auſtria*, and againſt their whole multitude; for I am very angry againſt the *whole Houſe of Auſtria*, and *againſt all their mighty ones*. I will ſtrengthen my ſervant *Charles* from the *North* againſt them, and he ſhall fall upon them as a lion, and over-run them as a mighty tempeſt from the *Eaſt*; for I will unite the *Eaſt* and *North* winds with each other, and they ſhall dreadfully roar together, as great floods of water, and overflow *whole Germany* with ſwarms of people. *Poland* and *Saxony* ſhall firſt perceive it, and feel their arm. *Sileſia*, *Dreſden*, and *Leipſick*, *and all the cities in Saxony ſhall ſee it*, for they are haughty and cruelly proud againſt me. Whore-maſters and drunkards are numberleſs among them, and my name is very much abuſed among them. Curſing and ſwearing, murdering and lying, in *Poland* and *Saxony*, and in all places, is incurable; nay, they greatly make their boaſts thereof, and praiſe them moſt that can do it beſt: but that ſhall be as a bill of remembrance unto me, ſaith the Lord God. I will avenge it as I live, and will puniſh them, all of them, for it; for they are a bloody crew, and a wicked ſeed before me, ſaith the Lord God.

Therefore I will ſeverely puniſh that cruel *Poland*, and *the land of Saxony*, and cauſe them to be ſwept away from before my face as dung, and deſtroy them with their whole ſwarms, by the *ſword*, *famine*, *peſtilence*, and *ravenous beaſts*. They ſhall no longer be

be my people; for I can no longer bear them, becauſe they are ſo wicked a people. But I will make their lands and cities wilderneſſes and deſolate places, and I will remove them wholly from off the earth, ſaith the Lord God. I will exerciſe great vengeance upon them by my ſervant *Charles;* and other lands and cities ſhall feel it in his march, as *Thuringia and it's cities:* one part ſhall fall by his *ſword*, the other will I ſmite with *the plague*, and *ſome of their cities ſhall be devoured by their own ſword.* This *Erfurt* ſhall be ſenſible of, and other cities that are like unto her; for they are wicked againſt me, and an inſolent crew, ſaith the Lord God.

And I will ſend *the plague into the land of Pruſſia*, and into her whole kingdom; ſo that they ſhall alſo feel it in *the principality of Brandenburgh*, and up and down the cities and countries thereof; for they will not humble themſelves before me, therefore muſt I deſtroy them, and thin them by the *plague*, ſaith the Lord God.

And thou, lion land Heſſen, thou ſhalt alſo not eſcape me; I will alſo ſpeedily riſe up againſt thee: for I will alſo make the ſwords to claſh in thy ears to and fro, and thou ſhalt be ſeverely puniſhed by my hand, ſaith the Lord God. For thou haſt alſo been very diſobedient to me, even to this very day, and you ſin much againſt me, therefore muſt you be puniſhed; for I will puniſh thee, and all nations, with my *ſword*, *famine*, and *peſtilence;* and to that end I will bring *cruel, furious beaſts* in vengeance upon thee *from far countries*, and they ſhall devour, rend, and tear people to and fro. Take this, O *Heſſen*, as a warning, and all you that read this, ſaith the Lord God.

O woe unto the whole Roman Empire, and to all the cities thereof! ſaith the Lord God; for they all ſin cruelly againſt me, and are an abominable people before my face, drowned in all ſin and wickedneſs, and

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are of hard and ſtubborn hearts, and *will ſet themſelves very much againſt me and my inheritance;* but I will ſcatter them as by a whirlwind, and the ſword of my ſervant *Charles*, and my ſervant *Iſhmael*, *the Great Turk*, ſhall devour them; for I will put into his hand a great ſword, that ſhall cruelly kill and ſlay: for I will give kings and princes to his ſword, and he ſhall ruin their countries, and bring their mighty ones to the ſlaughter, as oxen and calves are led to the ſlaughter. This I propheſy and declare unto them; for their time is at hand, that they ſhall be deſtroyed. Therefore make haſte, make haſte, and lay it before their eyes, that they may read it, and ſay unto them, The Lord God has commanded me to ſhew you his judgments and his will, that you may repent, and be converted from your evil minds, you kings and princes, you judges and mighty ones, you colonels and captains, you counſellors and high ſheriffs, you noble and ignoble, you popes and prelates, you biſhops and prieſts, you freemen and bondmen, you citizens and countrymen, you landlords and landladies, you daughters and maid-ſervants, you young men and children, you young and old, you nations and multitudes, and all that have a name, from men to beaſts, that you muſt all humble yourſelves before me, and bow yourſelves under me, be thou never ſo high, and whoſoever thou art; for I am the Lord, a mighty and jealous God. My wrath is heavy upon the ungodly, and my jealouſy is a conſuming fire, even unto hell and damnation.

But if ye humble yourſelves in my ſight, ſo that your converſion be upright before me, as in former days it was with my people of Nineveh, I will turn all my wrath and jealouſy away from you, and no harm ſhall befall that I have ſpoken againſt you; for I have ſpoken theſe hard things unto you in my jealouſy, and pronounced this evil againſt you; but as I have ſpoken in my jealouſy, ſo will I alſo, if

you amend yourſelves, receive you into my favour again, and turn all the evil from you, and I will repent me of the evil I have threatened, for I the Lord have ſpoken it.

Therefore take it to heart, O all you that call yourſelves *Chriſtians*, and remove from you that falſe and deceitful heart that is in you, and receive from me a new and upright heart, in which I may dwell; for I cannot dwell in a proud whoriſh heart: for I have given the old whoriſh, idolatrous, perjured, proud, inſolent, lying, wrathful enchanting, puffed up, wicked and ſelf-willed hearts to the devil and his adherents, for their bride and habitation. Therefore, thou wicked, vain, impudent and covetous one, thou art nothing elſe but a habitation and bride of the devil, who takes up his kingdom and dwelling-place in thee, by means of thy pride, covetouſneſs, and other wickedneſſes; and ſo long as thou wilt not be converted heartily, thou remaineſt an habitation of, and poſſeſſed by, the devil. If, therefore, thou deſireſt not to be a habitation of the devil, and his bride, filled with all his abominable influences, then turn thyſelf unto me thy God, and give me thy deviliſh and ſinful ſtinking heart, and I will cleanſe and purify it for thee; for I alone can purify the heart by my beſom, when man becomes truly changed in his mind before me. For my Spirit, which I will give thee, ſhall kindle a *purgatory* in thee, until he has conſumed all evil within thee, even the ſcum and the droſs of thy abominable tranſgreſſions and ſins, and ſlain thee totally. For die thou muſt, O man! to that old, deviliſh, ſenſual, beaſtly image, that I may create in thee *anew*, *my own image*, which is in thee; viz. a clean heart, bleſſing, ſalvation, godlineſs, chaſtity, truth, righteouſneſs, repentance, ſorrow, grief, divine reſignation, ſtrong faith, divine, unfeigned, earneſt, brotherly love, univerſal love, humility, meekneſs, and patience; which virtues bring life, even ever-

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laſting life, and do make that man become reconciled unto me his God. And to ſuch a one do I alſo give my joy, and the Holy Ghoſt; and by the Spirit ſhalt thou be edified, and he ſhall reprove thee with judgment, when thou ſinneſt againſt me, and ſhall always kindle my fire anew in thy heart, and make it a dwelling-place for God, and a habitation for the Moſt High, a palace for the Holy Ghoſt, a Sion and a Paradiſe for the Moſt Holy Trinity, full of all the fruits of righteouſneſs, yea, a fruitful land, in which ſhall ſtand planted all manner of fruitful trees, acceptable plants, with all kinds of ſpices that are precious, and very acceptable to me the Almighty One. He now, that will become ſuch a habitation to me, in which I can dwell, with my Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, him will I not deſtroy, but will lead him forth, and place him in my approaching kingdom, ſaith the Lord God.

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Thus ſaith the Lord God: But as for the ungodly, them will I root out all from off the earth, and will deſtroy them for ever. And when I come to ſet up my kingdom, then ſhall be deſtroyed and rooted out all thoſe that love the devil and his adherents better than me, ſaith the Lord God; for I can no longer bear them upon my earth, ſuch rebellious, abominable children of the devil, that do always reſiſt my Spirit, and ſuffer the devil, who is the father of all the wicked, to have power over them, ſo that he poſſeſſes them as by inheritance, ruling and reigning over them from generation to generation. If any thing trouble them, they preſently come running to me, with all ſpeed; but if I be not immediately at their beck, as they would have it, then they run immediately back again from me to their father the devil, and to his companions, ſeeking

help from them; and withal theſe wicked children do abuſe my name, as a cover to palliate all their wicked works, as if all they do was done from heaven. But I will judge you; ſtay but a little, you children of the devil, and not children of God. Shall you thus prophane my name? I will therefore chaſtiſe you. Stay! I will make you to know who I am! for I am a very holy and righteous God.

What do ye think, you unnatural children of the devil, that you do thus abuſe me, and do ſo greatly prophane and diſhonour my dear name of God and Jeſus? As if I that am the ſo great and majeſtic God, and my name were only your lacquey, and Baal's idols, and bound to act according to the will and pleaſure of ſuch lords as you are, ſeeing you are become ſuch mighty lords in my world. You are but thieves, and the companions of thieves; for you have but ſtole what you have, and have pocketed up in your pockets what I had given for my poor, and I muſt to this very day be made by you a Baal and idol's boy, and ſuffer myſelf to be juſtified by every wicked child of the devil.

Ariſe, O ſword! make haſte, and come quickly, and tarry not; for the blood-thirſty dogs, the thieves, the robbers, the children of the devil, will no longer fear before me, nor in any wiſe obey me; for their father the devil poſſeſſes them body and ſoul! They are like unto raging dogs and ravenous wolves, that ſeek their prey in winter ſeaſon; when there is no food to be ſeen, they rend and tear all that comes before them; they are as roaring lions, that will not go back till they have devoured my inheritance; as raging and ravenous wolves: and yet do they daily roar againſt me and my inheritance, becauſe they are ſo blood-thirſty.

Verily, verily, the *ſword* comes apace from the *Eaſt* and *North* againſt them: famine and peſtilence ſhall be my ſwift meſſenger againſt them; for I am

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a great king, and my royal command will ſpeedily be executed upon them. I will ſend them famine all over Anti-Chriſtendom, *that they ſhall devour and conſume one another;* and I will give the devil, their father, whoſe followers they have been in their wicked lives, command againſt them, to *ſet them one againſt another every where*, as mad dogs are ſet on againſt one another, *to bite one another*, and they ſhall devour each other's fleſh. One ſect ſhall be againſt another, pope againſt pope, prieſts againſt prieſts, king againſt king, princes againſt princes, earls againſt earls, warrior againſt warrior, yea, one devil againſt another, and one ungodly one againſt another, till they ſhall have devoured and conſumed one another's fleſh, and the one man the other, throughout the cities and countries.

And this ſhall their father the devil effect, to whom hitherto they have *built churches, and performed idol-worſhip in their ſuperſtitious Anti-Chriſtendom*, when they have made themſelves ſo fine, and tricked themſelves up with fine cloaths, great ſaddles, long tails, high top-knots, coſtly borders, gold chains, ſilk ſcarves, broad laces, great hair-locks, golden earrings, painted faces. Thus have they worſhipped before their father the devil, with their whoriſh hearts, in their *ſtone-idol-temples*, and there have eaten and drunken with him, and made themſelves merry, in all ſenſuality and wantonneſs, in their operas and comedies, where their father, the devil, has entertained them with a thouſand tricks and juggles, and made them very attentive, or devout, under pretence that they thereby grow wiſe. And when they are thus grown wiſe, in the devil's juggling-houſe, and the ſhow is done, then away goes the company from that place again. When they know not what to do to ſpend their time, then they run to *church*, obſerve their *church-hours*, and *hours for prayers*, and hear what

what thoſe whore-prieſts prate to them. But ſuch *devil-worſhippers* will I thruſt out of the world, with all their crew, and the devil's adherents, to their father the devil, in the hell, whither I will ſend them for ever; and there ſhall they lie in the lake of brimſtone, and be tormented for ever by the ſecond death, ſaith the Lord God; for they have worſhipped the devil, and not me, ſaith the Lord God.

For thus ſaith the Lord God: All thoſe that will *worſhip me*, muſt receive me from an humble heart that is united with me, and muſt worſhip me in ſpirit and in truth, in all places, in their going out and coming in; then will I become their God and their temple; they ſhall be continually in me, and I will be in them, and thus I muſt be *worſhipped.* Where thou goeſt and art, thou muſt think upon me, and commune with me in thy heart. When thou ſitteſt down to thy work, thou ſhalt alſo do ſo; thou ſhalt either ſing, or ſport thyſelf with me in thy heart, or commune with me in ſpiritual praiſes. When thou buyeſt or ſelleſt, ſee that thou be preſerved from the unrighteous one, that thou doſt not deceive nor over-reach any, but rather ſuffer wrong thyſelf, than do wrong to another; for if thou wilt do wrong, thou ſhalt fall under my everlaſting puniſhment, and ſhalt be guilty of judgment before the world itſelf. When thou haſt to do with men, make but few words with them; for if thou wilt talk much with them, and uſe unſavoury words with them, thou wilt but defile and ſoil thyſelf with their whoriſh ſpirit and uncleanneſs; and I will ſhut thee out of the virgin-communion, and thou ſhalt not be written among the firſt-born, nor incorporated among thoſe 144,000 ſpiritual virgins; for I am a holy God, and all that will ſerve me muſt be ſanctified by me, and I in them, or elſe no man ſhall ſee my future glory, ſaith the Lord God.

Thus

Thus ſaith the Lord God: Firſt, concerning *Sweden* and *Muſcovy*.

I the Lord God will draw my ſword againſt them, becauſe they have been diſobedient to me, and oppoſed me ſtiffly. I will chaſtiſe *Sweden*, and purſue it with ſword, fire and peſtilence. And I will put the ſword into their own hands, and blow up the fire among them, till I have deſtroyed many among them; but I will ſoon be ready, and turn back their *miſery*, and will ſhew *great mercy to them in Sweden*, after I have deſtroyed their great ſwarm of *ungodly ones*, ſaith the Lord God.

I have been angry with *Sweden*, but I will be ſevere againſt *Moſcovy*, and my wrath ſhall meet her in every place. I will ſmite her with the ſword and a heavy plague, and treat them very unmercifully, until I have ungirt thy ſword from thee, and caſt down thy tyrannical power to the very ground.

But my ſervant *Charles* will I not deſtroy; for I ſuſtain him, and his family ſhall live before me, and his name will I magnify, and extend his power over the earth, for he ſhall govern the place of my feet, or my footſtool. And I will give unto thee *Charles*, the Lion of the *North*, great power, and I will make many kingdoms upon the earth become ſubject unto thee, that thou ſhalt govern them, and be unto me as my *ſervant David*. The kings of the earth ſhall endeavour to bring thee down, and ſhall ſet themſelves againſt thee with all their might; but I the Lord God will ſmite them, and caſt their might down to the ground, ſaith the Lord God.

Againſt *Poland* and *Saxony*, ſaith the Lord God.

I will ſtir up againſt them great floods of water from the *Eaſt*, and a mighty tempeſt from the *North*. I will cauſe people as clouds to ariſe from the *Eaſt*, and their multitudes ſhall be in very great numbers. *I will lay Poland totally waſte, and make their land unto the nations as a highway: I, I will purſue them with my*

my avenging ſword, famine, and great peſtilence, till they are no more a people upon earth; yea, I will deal terribly with Poland and Saxony, for they have ſorely injured me; and have to this very day been an abominable people in my ſight, above many people in my *Chriſtendom*; therefore have I given them wholly over to the ſlaughter, ſo that they ſhall be deſtroyed from off my earth as a curſe; for I will command my four evil plagues and puniſhments to come upon them, and they ſhall deal very unmercifully with them; *for that great two-edged ſword, from the Eaſt and North,* ſhall purſue them to their laſt end, and ſhall deſtroy them from off the earth, even by a *great peſtilence*, and by *raging devouring beaſts* ſhall they be devoured: for this generation, *Poland* and *Saxony*, are abominably proud in my ſight, and drowned in all manner of wickedneſs, therefore will I root them out from before my eyes off the earth, for they have rejected me: I will reject them again. They have mocked me, and turned their ungodly backs upon me; therefore will I deal juſt ſo with them, and turn the fury of my back to their ungodlineſs, and not the face of my mercy, till they are all extirpated from off the earth that have ſo grievouſly ſinned againſt me: for I will ſend my four mowers with ſharp ſcythes, to wit, *my ſword, great peſtilence, famine, and cruel devouring beaſts*, who ſhall fell them, and mow them down as graſs. For I will extirpate them all that have ſinned ſo inſolently againſt me; and their cities and fortreſſes ſhall be as fuel for the fire, till their land is become wholly deſolate, and as a wilderneſs, ſaith the Lord God.

Then will I heal *Poland* again, and the reſidue will I deliver; all that are left. And I will pour forth my Spirit upon them, and make myſelf a tabernacle among them for my elect. And their goods, their gold and ſilver, and horſes, and waggons, and people, and their great and little cannon, and all

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their ammunition, ſhall be holy unto me, ſaith the Lord God, f. i. P. w. i. c. m. S. o. a. R. a. a. a. h. This thou ſhalt conceal till it's time.

Thus ſaith the Lord God: I will alſo take great vengeance againſt *the neighbouring cities that border upon Poland*, far and near; for they ſhall feel it, when I ſhall viſit them for their pride, covetouſneſs, and vile life, and puniſh them *with great peſtilence and famine*, in their towns and countries. I will alſo put *the ſword of my vengeance into their own hands, one againſt another, that they ſhall deſtroy one another*, and I will ſmite them with *great peſtilence*. Let this be alſo ſaid to *Sileſia*, *Pruſſia*, *Brandenburg*, *Thuringia*, and *Heſſen*, yea, to all their principalities, earldoms, lands, cities, towns, and inhabitants; for I will viſit and humble them, ſaith the Lord God.

Againſt *Frankfort* upon the River Mayn, ſaith the Lord God.

" I will cauſe my banner to be lifted up againſt them, and bring a mighty number of warriors upon them, f. t. e. a. n. b. t. a. s. they ſhall ſtrictly block them up, and at laſt ſcale their walls, and take their city; and they ſhall be ſeverely chaſtiſed, and be diſtreſſed with much fire and ſhot."

For they are very haughty and wicked againſt me. And of *their covetouſneſs and great extortion* there will be no end, among high nor low, rich nor poor, in the eccleſiaſtical nor ſecular ſtate and government; but I will ſoon, yea, ſoon humble their haughtineſs and covetouſneſs, as alſo their pride, and will declare unto them their great deſtruction: for I am the Lord, a very holy God, and do hate all ungodly deeds; therefore will I alſo chaſtiſe them with my four Rods; and when they ſhall have humbled themſelves, then will I heal them: for I am merciful, and a gracious God, and do ſoon repent, when men turn into themſelves, and repent; but againſt the ungodly my anger endures for ever, and my fury, and the fire of my

jealouſy is upon them, as the fire of hell, till I have deſtroyed them all, ſaith the Lord God.

This ſhall be thy judgment, O *Frankfort!* becauſe thou wouldſt not be warned by my ſervant *John Maximilian*, whom I ſent unto thee, O *Frankfort*, to warn thee, where he was made to declare to thee from me the judgment that ſhall come over the world. But thou haſt not obeyed my voice, nor given glory to my name, when I cauſed him to call thee to repentance, in thy church called the Deſcalceate Friars, but haſt deſpiſed my royal command unto thee, and not given ear unto my warning, and reviled the ſo great name of my majeſty; as if my ſervants, that ſerve me, went aſtray, but your ſervants were wonderous wiſe: but I will ſoon diſcover it, and puniſh thee for thy diſobedience. Then I will judge thee; and if thou canſt ſhew that thou art in the right, I will not take away thy right from thee; but if thou canſt not ſhew it me, and I ſhall convince thee of thy obſtinacy, thou ſhalt partake of the fire of my jealouſy, and that ſhall conſume thee, with thy haughtineſs, covetouſneſs, and wickedneſs, ſaith the Lord God.

THE

DECLARATION OF THE JUDGMENT,

AND THE

ANSWER TO IT,

In FRANKFORT *on the* MAYN.

WHEN I had declared this in *Frankfort*, God called in my ſoul, and ſaid, "Get up, make haſte and write, and lay it publicly before the eyes of all

all men, before the Emperor, kings and princes, knights and gentlemen, high and low, the generation of popes and prieſts, rich and poor, citizens and countrymen, men-ſervants and maid-ſervants, one with another, and ſay, The Lord God will ariſe and ſmite, and deſtroy the whole earth, with the ſword, famine, and with furious beaſts, and great peſtilence; therefore turn in your minds into yourſelves, O ye Emperor, and kings and princes, and all mankind that dwell upon my earth! Thus ſaith the Lord God, Humble yourſelves, and change your perverſe minds."

And I did ſo, and went and ſought a convenient place, and wrote before the Lord this ſmall treatiſe, with his own words, as they are here to be read; for he commanded it, and put the words one after another in my pen, which he had taught me to that end, and ſtrongly driven me to write, well nigh a year ago, in 1709, which I was firſt to declare, by the command of God, to the city of *Frankfort*, in the great church of the Deſcalceates, and ſhew them the judgment firſt, in the church, in the preſence of all men, and afterwards before the Senate, in the Council-Houſe, as alſo in the Orphan-Houſe (where they had impriſoned me), in a great room, full of men and lords, where I was obliged twice to appear before one of the *preachers*, called *Willemer;* to whom alſo I in like manner declared it, becauſe he was appointed to make report thereof to the reſt of the *preachers*, or *miniſters:* but they did all oppoſe me, and no man among them all would believe me; therefore the Lord ſpake unto me, "That I ſhould not declare the whole matter to them, but only that which was moſt neceſſary to lead them to repentance, for, as for the reſt, that they would not at all receive it, but only revile and blaſpheme; that I ſhould therefore conceal it from them, and afterwards write it, and lay it before their eyes." And it came to paſs alſo, that when I mentioned ſomething

before the Senate concerning the King of *Sweden*, and of the judgment and puniſhment of cities and countries, as *Saxony*, and other places, they did not at all believe it, neither will they, till they all ſee it with their eyes, and the judgment be nigh at hand; then they will be forced to believe it, as being no more left to their will, but then they muſt, whether they will or no.

Now when they had put me in priſon, in the Hoſpital, after I had ſpoke in the great church, I fell down upon my knees in the priſon, and thanked God for my priſon, and began to pray for the welfare of the city of *Frankfort*, and of all men. Then the voice of God ſpake in my heart, *That I ſhould not pray for them, becauſe they deſpiſed all his warnings, and would not receive them.* I then upon my knees immediately opened the Bible, and found under my right thumb theſe words of the prophet Iſaiah, chap. vi. v. 8,13. as follows: "Whom ſhall I ſend, and who will go for us? Then ſaid I, Here am I; ſend me. And he ſaid, Go and tell this people, Hear ye indeed, but underſtand not; and ſee ye indeed, but perceive not. Make the heart of this peole fat, and their ears heavy; and ſhut their eyes, leſt they ſee with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and underſtand with their hearts, and be converted and healed. Then ſaid I, Lord, how long? And he ſaid, Until the cities be waſted without inhabitants, and the houſes without man, and the land be utterly deſolate; and the Lord have removed men far away, and the land be utterly deſolate: but yet in it ſhall be a tenth, and it ſhall return, and ſhall be eaten as a teil-tree, and as an oak, whoſe ſubſtance is in them when they caſt their leaves; ſo the holy ſeed ſhall be the ſubſtance thereof." This is the truth; yea, *Amen!* And when I came before the Senate the next day, it came to paſs juſt as the Lord had ſhewed me inwardly and outwardly: for becauſe I was not of the

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order of prieſtood, but a poor *ſhoemaker*, they would receive nothing from me; but they were all offended at it. And the Senate forbad me to ſpeak any more, *and that I ſhould no more declare any thing in the church, nor in the ſtreet.* But I ſaid, *I cannot be ſilent; for I muſt obey God rather than men.* Whereupon they threatened me with baniſhment and impriſonment; and the next Sunday it was publiſhed from the pulpits, that nobody, upon pain of impriſonment, and capital puniſhment, ſhould venture to do ſo again. I wiſh thee, dear *Frankfort*, that God would diſcover it to thee, that thou mayeſt flee from thy judgments to God thy Creator. Yet humble thyſelf before God, and bow down thy heart, and make it clean, and then the evil will be far from thee, and God will free thee from it.

THE

JUDGMENT OF THE ROMAN EMPIRE,

AND

COMFORT *for the* KING *of* SWEDEN, *and the* PEOPLE *of* GOD.

BE thou not afraid my ſervant *Charles* of the *North*, ſaith the Lord God; I the Lord thy God am with thee, I will give thee my Spirit, and will not forſake thee; for I will create a new heart in thee, that thou ſhalt know me, and I will ſtrengthen thee againſt all thy adverſaries: thou ſhalt tread them under foot as the mire of the ſtreets; thou, and thy companions with thee: and when I have humbled thee, I will judge my people by thee, and ſubject many nations under thee.

Therefore fear not, my ſervant; for I will be with

with thee, and thou ſhalt come into *Germany*. *Poland*, *Sileſia*, and *Saxony*, ſhall not eſcape thee, and thou ſhalt paſs through to the River *Mayn* and the *Rhine*, and ſhalt obtain great victories; but the *South* and *Weſt* winds ſhall ſet themſelves mightily againſt thee, and give thee much trouble: then ſhall much blood be ſhed on both ſides, and great warring ſhall be between you. Thou, my ſervant, ſhalt be obliged here to give way to them, and not be able to do any more againſt them: and they ſhall rage like madmen againſt thee, and againſt the heritage of God; and in all places ſhall they perſecute my people, and drive them out from among them.

Then ſhall my fire be kindled in many cities and countries up and down, towards the *Eaſt*, and the *Weſt*, the *South*, and the *North*; and the fire of war ſhall be kindled in all places, yea, a great religion-fire ſhall be kindled at the ſame time in all countries; and the fire ſhall wax greater and greater, and break forth into great flames, *ſo that they ſhall ſlay, ſhoot, ſtab, and ſtrangle one another, wherever they meet; * all the Catholic ſect, or Papiſts, ſhall be againſt the Lutherans and Calviniſts, and theſe two againſt them, ſo that a multitude of men ſhall periſh in this fiery zeal.*

O, woe for this cruel calamity! for they ſhall blood-thirſtily rage againſt one another, like mad dogs: *one man* ſhall not be ſafe in the ſtreets *from another*, but they ſhall lay hold of one another by the hair, and he that prevails ſhall deſtroy the other. And thus *one* city ſhall fight againſt *the other*; and that which gets the maſter ſhall totally waſte the other. Yea, many cities and countries ſhall be divided amongſt themſelves, and ſhall murder, kill, and ſlay each other, as far as they are able: and thus alſo ſhall kingdoms and principalities endeavour to deſtroy and lay waſte each other.

Then there ſhall be alſo great tumults for my elect's ſake; and thoſe cities that ſhall aſſiſt them ſhall be

* See the three ſects, in p. 36.

be invaded or aſſaulted by the multitude, or mob, as by ſo many madmen; and *the great Whore* ſhall for a ſhort time be *very victorious*, and greatly enlarge her *borders*; and it ſhall come to paſs, *that my people ſhall be forced to give way, and much people of the great Lutheran and Reformed ſects, whom I will prepare for myſelf, through great tribulation.* And the great Catholic or Popiſh ſect, together with thoſe that join with them of the two other ſects, ſhall have the victory. And the reſt of my people ſhall be forced to be exiles upon the earth; the *South* and the *Weſt Wind* ſhall drive and chaſe them away, ſaith the Lord God.

And I heard a great voice in the night-ſeaſon, upon my bed, ſpeaking to me, which ſaid, "*There ſhall a Hen ſpread forth her wings far, and ſhall with her heat cover an Egg, and hatch it; and thence ſhall ariſe unto me* KING CHARLES, *and he ſhall utter that ſtrong joyful thunder-voice, and ſhall be my firſt fruitful thunder-voice upon the whole earth.* When I had heard that, I was exceeding joyful, and praiſed the great King and Creator of heaven and earth, with power and thankſgiving to his great and holy name, that he had now given to his forſaken One, that had hitherto ſat as a ſorrowful Widow, a Son, which would be born from her hot burning love to the ſpiritual world, who ſhall with joy and gladneſs comfort his mourning *Mother; for he ſhall eſpouſe the cauſe of my Elect as a Son, and be as my ſervant David, a Man after my own Heart unto all my children, ſaith the Lord God.*

FRANCE.

AND I ſaw again in a viſion, that the *Lily-Heaven came to me from the South and from the Weſt*, and humbled himſelf very lowly, and *bowed himſelf* before me, even almoſt to the very earth. And I beheld *his Lilies, and they were very black*, and ſome *few Lilies* were *yellowiſh*: and I was inſtantly carried into

into a cottage unto *my ſiſter*, who had brought the *Lily-Heaven* to me; wherefore I gave God thanks for his great and holy name, which he would from hence forward greatly *magnify* and *glorify* upon the earth. For he ſhall *ſmite* FRANCE *ſorely*, and then will *heal her* again: and FRANCE *ſhall at laſt* return to God after ſhe has been *laid waſte*, and will then be very acceptable to the Lord. Yea, *Amen!*

AGAINST SWITZERLAND.

THUS ſaith the Lord God concerning *Switzerland*, and all the cities and ſtrong places thereof: *Woe be unto thee, thou Switzerland!* who dwelleſt among the mountains and rocks, and ſitteſt among great and pleaſant mountains. Thus ſaith the Lord God concerning thee: O land, land! I will puniſh thee; I will call for *the ſword* againſt thee, and command it to ariſe within thee, and to paſs bloodily through thy country; yea, it ſhall devour thy fleſh, and deſtroy many of you, becauſe they have forgotten me, and have roſe up againſt my inheritance, and have not feared to perſecute *my ſervants and handmaids, and to drive my people out of their borders*, who had never done any harm to any body, nor occaſioned any damage to them: I have beheld it, ſaith the Lord of Hoſts, that they have done this thing in their cruel rage and fury.

Therefore do I call for *the ſword of my vengeance and fire* upon them, and upon their whole country; yea, it ſhall break forth *within themſelves*, and be *raiſed up* in their own country, and ſhall war againſt it; for it is the *ſword of the Lord's vengeance*. I will, ſaith the Lord God, ſet them at *variance*, in their blind zeal, that one ſect ſhall fall upon the other, one people deſtroy the other, the one man another, ſo that they *ſhall kill one another* wherever they meet: for *the ſword* ſhall devour them, neither ſhall *great*

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famine and *plague* ſpare them, till I have altogether deſtroyed the great multitude of their ungodly ones, ſaith the Lord God. For thus ſaith the Lord God concerning thee, O *Switzerland!* I will unſheath *my ſword* againſt thee, which ſhall devour thy mighty ones, thy ſenators, thy rulers, thy judges, thy citizens, thy countrymen, thy clergy, and thy whole people, that have ſo grievouſly ſinned againſt me, for they are an impudent crew before me; therefore have I given them over to the ſword, to famine, and to the peſtilence. And there ſhall remain only a ſmall *remnant*, and *them* will I cleanſe for myſelf, that they may *know me*, ſaith the Lord God.

Thus ſaith the Lord God of thee, *Switzerland:* Humble thyſelf, therefore, before me, and ceaſe from thy great wickedneſs, by which thou haſt hitherto ſinned againſt me, and ſo cruelly perſecuted my choſen ones, and ſo brutiſhly treated my Baptized ones, who are as well the work of my hands as thou art, yet haſt thou ſcattered them to and fro; for which great evil my wrath is waxed hot againſt thee; and I will, in the ſame manner, puniſh thee with great perſecution, and chaſe thee out of one country into another, and bereave thee of thy goods; for I will bring robbers upon thee, that ſhall rob thee, and take from thee, O *Switzerland!* thy great riches, and rob and ſpoil thee in all places, and burn thy houſes with fire. Thus will I make an end of thy pride, of thy diſſoluteneſs, and thy great whoredom, which thou practiſeſt from the higheſt to the loweſt, ſaith the Lord God.

Therefore give honour and glory to God, yea, give him thy heart, that he may make it a habitation for himſelf; for the Lord loveth all thoſe that turn to him in ſincerity, that deny themſelves, and follow Chriſt. He that will not do ſo, him do I hate in good earneſt, and he ſhall be deſtroyed from off my earth; nor ſhall he ſee my grace that is at hand, ſaith the Lord God.

But to you that put your truſt in my name, and that love me, to you will I ſuddenly ſend a Saviour; I will deliver you, and will bring you forth with a mighty arm; for I will cauſe my *great Trumpet* to ſound, and will call you forth out of the kingdom of darkneſs. Therefore obey me, my children, and walk diligently in my paths; then will I deliver you, and will be your Prince and Leader, and bring you to my everlaſting redemption, and be your reſt, ſaith the Lord God.

HERE FOLLOWS

A PARTICULAR FORE-WARNING,

WHICH SHEWS

What ſhall ſhortly come to paſs, chiefly in the ROMAN *and* TURKISH *Empires.*

AND to the people and children of God, whoſe near approaching condition and leading, as alſo of both the afore-mentioned Empires increaſe and decreaſe, decreaſe and increaſe, is therein chiefly repreſented, and all clearly ſet forth in a remarkable VISION.

I ſaw in a viſion of the night two *great mountains* ſtanding oppoſite to each other *in great flames*, and the fire burnt very deep. The one mountain was ſituate betwixt the *South* and the *Weſt*, and burnt furiouſly; the other mountain lay towards the *Eaſt* and the *North*, full of devouring flames. Upon the one fiery mountain, towards the *South* and the *Weſt*, ſtood a great *Eagle*, very lion-like, and made a great noiſe, and diſplayed itſelf far and wide. And the mountain on which he ſtood waxed great, and became

came ſtill greater, and the fire thereof devoured a great way round about: but upon the other mountain, towards the *Eaſt* and the *North*, appeared a *comely Lion*, very fierce, and the mountain upon which he ſtood burned violently, and alſo devoured very far round about, till at laſt both theſe mountains burned near to each other; the one from the *Eaſt* towards the *South* and *Weſt*, the other from the *South* and *Weſt* towards the *Eaſt*. The *Lion* and the *Eagle* ſtood both upon the flaming mountains, *enraged againſt each other*, till the *Eagle*'s mountain burnt down a piece of the *mountain towards the Eaſt*, with dreadful flames, ſo that the *Lion* retreated towards the *Eaſt*. And *the Eagle*'s *mountain waxed great*, and extended itſelf very far, inſomuch *that two other ſmall mountains*, of the burning mountain of the *Eagle*, were, as it were, totally ſwallowed up. And the people were miſerably ſlain, and periſhed by the conſuming flames of fire of the two firſt mountains of the *Eaſt* and *Weſt*.

And I beheld a great ſhip ſailing upon a great ſtream, towards the *Eaſt* and *North*, quite cloſed above, and within it there ſeemed to be men, which yet could not be very well diſcerned. And there was a maſter upon the ſhip, who had a great rudder in his hand, with which he governed the great ſhip that ſailed towards the *Eaſt* and *North*.

And inſtantly there was given unto me *a little ſhip*, and a rudder in my hand: I had alſo people in it, who were alſo covered and hid. I went and lay on the right ſide of the great ſhip, and he ſailed on the left. And the maſter of the great ſhip, who governed it, was very *kind unto me and my ſhip*; but becauſe I was not accuſtomed to ſailing nor to ſteering, having never in all my life governed any ſhip, the great waters were too ſtrong for me, ſo that I was in great *danger of ſuffering ſhipwreck*, the waters being like to ſink the ſhip that I governed; but I ſteered with all

my ſtrength, and the maſter of the great ſhip aſſiſted me, and ſhewed me and my company, that I had on board my ſhip, all manner of kindneſs. And immediately, with all ſpeed, I took hold of all that were in my little ſhip, and handed them to the maſter of the great ſhip, who took them to him into his ſhip; but I laid faſt hold with my hands on his ſhip, and ſo ſaved it till we were near the ſhore, when my ſhip ſunk down right; *but I got without any hurt aſhore, very far towards the Eaſt and North, and they ſhewed us the place for good people*, where we came without any harm at all. And being landed, I ſaw my boat, *and another little boat, behind the great one*, upon the water; and they ſwung themſelves above the waters on the other ſide, and kept near the great ſhip, which the waters could not hurt. And we beheld the *temple of the Lord*, to wit, *of the good people* towards the *North;* and we ſung ſongs, and praiſed God, *with a great multitude of people*, who were there aſſembled together. And I heard a new Lord's Prayer out of the *Greek*, ſung in *High Dutch* exceeding ſweetly by all the people, and it was very moving.

Now, when at firſt the comely *Lion* was ſomewhat retired before the *great out-ſpread Eagle*, and could not conquer him, behold there flew *a great Bird to the help of the Lion from the Eaſt, with a great number of feathers, in the ſhape of a terrible Lion*, which flew on a mighty great burning mountain; and the mountain burned terribly, and devoured the deeps and heights before it. And this great *lion-like Bird*, with it's mountain, *increaſed itſelf* very much towards the *Weſt* and the *South*, till it came unto the mountain of the *Eagle*, and theſe two mountains burnt furiouſly againſt each other. And the great *burning mountain from the Eaſt did devour and conſume the mountain of the great Eagle, towards the South and the Weſt*, and the countries far about, ſo that the great *Eagle* was forced to ſurrender itſelf, with his mountain, to the great

great *lion-like Bird* towards the *Eaſt*. And the great *Lion-Bird* obtained great power, and *reigned over all lands*. And *the Northern Lion* was exalted upon the great mountain; and there aroſe immediately *a new bright ſun in it's full ſplendor, and a new bright ſhining moon appeared in the ſpiritual firmament, with many lights*. And the *Name of the Northern Lion* was ſpread abroad through many countries, and with thoſe that were with him he ſlew all their adverſaries, and laid their cities waſte. And the *old ſun became quite black*, and the *moon loſt it's brightneſs, and the old heaven vaniſhed away wholly with all it's lights; and the whole earth, under the whole heavens, was given unto the people of God*.

This was that great Night-Viſion which I ſaw. Now when I awaked, I aſked the Lord what the meaning of this great Viſion was of the Burning Mountain? and he told me all that it ſignified, but that I ſhould not reveal it all. And the Lord anſwered me again, with words out of the Bible, and ſpake unto me out of the prophet Iſaiah, chap. xiii. ver. 6, 13. in theſe words: "Howl ye, for the day of the Lord is at hand; it ſhall come as a deſtruction from the Almighty." Ver. 7. "Therefore ſhall all hands be faint, and every man's heart ſhall fail." Ver. 8. "And they ſhall be afraid: pangs and ſorrows ſhall take hold of them; they ſhall be in pain as a woman that travaileth, and they ſhall be amazed one at another; their faces ſhall be as flames." Ver. 9. "Behold the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land deſolate; and he ſhall deſtroy the ſinners thereof out of it." Ver. 10. "For the ſtars of heaven, and the conſtellations thereof, ſhall not give their light; the ſun ſhall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon ſhall not cauſe her light to ſhine." Ver. 11. "And I will puniſh the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cauſe the arrogancy

gancy of the proud to ceaſe, and will lay low the haughtineſs of the terrible." Ver. 12. "I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir." Ver. 13. "Therefore I will ſhake the heavens, and the earth ſhall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the Lord of Hoſts, and in the day of his fierce anger, ſaith the Lord God."

And the Lord ſpake unto me concerning the *new heaven, ſun, moon,* and *ſtars,* in the new heavenly world, and ſaid unto me, "I will ſpread abroad my holineſs and righteouſneſs in my world to come, *over the whole earth, as a heaven;* and I will enlighten with a bright ſplendor the whole earth, by means of *my ſun, the everlaſting Goſpel, even the bright ſhining body of my dear Son Jeſus Chriſt,* who is the true ſun of all righteouſneſs, and ſhineth with a piercing luſtre and brightneſs, from all the clear, ſhining, and purified bodies of his elect, throughout the whole earth: for he is the true ſun, in his ſpiritual generation, whom he has placed as ſpiritual kings and prieſts in my earth that is to come; whom I have cauſed to be called the lights of the world, and repreſented their ſpiritual kingdom by my natural ſun. Therefore have I created them as *a true ſun in my ſpiritual goſpel-firmament,* in the future kingdom of God, and prieſtly kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt, to enlighten the people that come out of darkneſs, as a powerful and piercing light of the ſun; and they ſhall be the light, and execute judgment over all men whom I ſhall create, as ſpiritual kings of God, and prieſts of Jeſus Chriſt, that they may enlighten the whole heavenly earth, as a powerful ſunſhine, when I have made them to be one ſhepherd, and even all people under the heavens one ſheepfold, and when I ſhall eſtabliſh all my *elect* for lights unto men. Thus will I manifeſt my holineſs and righteouſneſs, as a *new heaven upon the earth,* with many golden lights, together with my

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ſpiritual Son, the ſun of righteouſneſs, Jeſus Chriſt, in them, to enlighten his ſtars, which I will fix as lights, in my holineſs, round about him. And he ſhall cloath them with great luſtre, and my everlaſting Goſpel ſhall by them make all creatures bright, ſhining and luſtrous, and kindle them into brightneſs like a moon. This is the glory of my heavenly Sun and Stars.

" But the ſpiritual Moon, in my world to come, is my people, whom I have prepared to be in my future ſpiritual heaven, as a bright ſhining moon, by my ſpiritual firmament, ſun, and lights, which ſhall be round about the moon, and prepare my people *as a living temple* for myſelf, in which my ſervants ſhall be ſet up as great pillars and lights, to ſerve me day and night therein, and that I, and my dear Son, and the Holy Spirit, may dwell, give light, live, reign, and abide in them, and they in me, from generation to generation; that I may make my habitation in them, and they in me, that ſo they may be, abide, live, reign, and rule, in and through me, and I in and through them, from henceforth and for evermore, ſaith the Lord God. This is that Sun, Moon, and all the Stars, which I will hide from the wicked; nor ſhall my heavenly righteouſneſs and holineſs ſhine unto them."

And the Lord ſaid unto me, " *I will now ſhew thee what is the falſe Heaven, with it's Stars.* The falſe heaven, which has at preſent extended itſelf ſo far, is nothing elſe but the unholy and unrighteous *Clergy* of *Anti-Chriſtendom*, in the Papacy, among the Lutherans, the Reformed, and all people in Anti-Chriſtendom. This Babyloniſh Heaven declares nothing elſe, throughout their firmament, but their *abominable idolatry* and *falſe Clergy*, to the honour of their Baal, which they have choſen, and have ſpread themſelves far and near, with their ungodly ſuperſtition, as a heaven upon the earth, with all their

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fair colours, ſcarlet, crimſon, gilded with gold, precious ſtones and pearls, &c. In a word, ſhe is an *abominable heaven*, a blood-thirſty firmament, a mother of fornications, and of all cruelty upon the earth.

Therefore will I fold up this *old heaven* as a letter, with all it's ungodlineſs, unrighteouſneſs, and ſelf-aſſumed holineſs, and I will totally root them out from off the earth, that my new *ſpiritual heaven* may ſhine forth with it's righteouſneſs and holineſs upon the earth, where at preſent nothing but the old heaven is to be ſeen.

"And the *old Sun*," ſaid he, "is the *Antichriſt*, and the falſe Goſpel which his father the devil has taught him, and is that *dark glance* which proceeds from him, and with which he gives light in his kingdom of darkneſs, and kindleth his light in many men, and *makes them wandering ſtar-lights*, ſeducing thereby, if it were poſſible, my very elect. They are ſuch hot, *fiery lights*, that they have hitherto, by their ſcorching heat, made my elect to faint, and often to be ſick and weak, by means of their great idolatry: for they have moſt ſhamefully corrupted my heaven, which I had ſpread forth amongſt them. They are *wandering ſtars*, that together with their ſun, the corrupt bodies of their popes and prelates, and ſuch like idolatrous, dark ſun-bodies, ſo have over-heated and inflamed my people; for the devil has ſhined through them, with all ungodlineſs, and roared as a fiery lion upon earth.

"*Their Moon*," ſaid he, "is the *falſe church* in the kingdom of nature, which is an *Idol-houſe, and Temple of the devil*, with their whole crew, who are kindled and lighted by the ſun of Antichriſt, who has made them an everlaſting temple for the devil, by his groſs idolatry; ſo that I the Lord cannot dwell in them, much leſs in their idol-temples of ſtone, which Antichriſt has built in all ſects and nations.

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And all people have given their hearts over to the devil for an habitation, by their pride, covetouſneſs, and all manner of luſts, drunkenneſs, gluttony, and whoredom, that they may thereby have free egreſs and regreſs with them at all times; and they ſet open the door of their hearts wide enough for him every day; but me, the living God, do they daily deſpiſe, and do chooſe rather to be the devil's brides, than to be the brides of my Son Jeſus Chriſt. For they deſpiſe me, and my Son Jeſus Chriſt, and are aſhamed to bear his croſs, becauſe it is ſo vilified by their father the devil. But what will be the end thereof? They ſhall be deſpiſed by me again, ſaith the Lord God.

And he ſaid farther unto me: "The *Stars* in the *unholy firmament*, are their *prieſts*, their *falſe prophets*, *Baal's prieſts*, and *idol-worſhippers*, wandering ſpirits, and dark night-lights, miſty ſtars. Theſe keep the *moon*, that is, the *ungodly crew* together, in their falſe idol-worſhip, bound with ſubtil ſnares, and dipped with falſe deceitful doctrine: but I will ſmite this ſun, this moon, and theſe ſtars, with the ſword, and will root them out by the plague, and by famine, and by fierce beaſts, till I have totally deſtroyed them from off the earth; for I will ſoon change the *moon* into *blood*, with a witneſs! And ſo I will ſoon make a ſhort end of all theſe falſe lights of this heaven, that their wicked doings ſhall be forgotten for a long time, ſaith the Lord God.

Thus ſaith the Lord God: He that fears me now, and *will go out from the midſt of the ungodly*, and will wholly forſake all their wicked works, and cleanſe his heart from ſin, ſo that he appears before me pure and clean, to him will I give *great power and honour in my new world*, and ſet a clean, pure, princely hat upon his head; and I will give unto him a golden crown, with the *new name Jehovah*; for I am a Lord of all lords, and a King of all kings, in heaven and on

earth. And I will clothe him with a royal prieſtly robe, as my high prieſt Aaron, and he ſhall have *the golden ſcepter, and the light and judgment for ever* in my houſe, over my people whom I will create. And he ſhall govern the nations as a ſhepherd; and I will give him the golden *breaſt-girdle* of a clean heart, and the pure *ſhield of faith* for an everlaſting ſeal of his final redemption; and will gird upon his thigh a ſharp and moſt victorious ſword, that he ſhall be able therewith to ſlay all, and to make them alive again. And I will give him *light* and *life*, *underſtanding* and *wiſdom*; for I am your ſhield and crown, and your everlaſting and eternal reward; and in every one the *alpha* and *omega*, the beginning and the end, the firſt and the laſt; yea, *Amen*.

This is the promiſe, dear Sion, that God has promiſed thee, life everlaſting; and he gives ſalvation to his people, to the praiſe of his holy and everlaſting name.

Here now has the Lord ſealed his whole *ſpiritual tribe of Jacob*, which are the *twelve regenerated ſpiritual generations*, according to the number of the twelve apoſtles of the Lamb, from among all heathens and Jews, that have been converted by the Goſpel, which has been preached now unto the nations theſe ſeventeen hundred and ten years to this day. Theſe are they that are not defiled with women, and that follow the Lamb whitherſoever he goes.

But know that the Spirit ſaith: There is neither man nor woman in Chriſt, for they are all one in him; for he gives them equally a manly heart, to the one as to the other, of all thoſe that are faithful to him of either ſex; for they are both partakers of the unmoveable Spirit which is of Chriſt, and are one right being in God, and partakers of the unmoveable Spirit from Chriſt, and are in God one true being, and partakers of the unchangeable power and might

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of the Spirit which is in God. So that there is nothing at all that is womaniſh in them, that are truly in God and in Chriſt.

But they are *women*, who are *wavering and unſtable*, that are continually driven to and fro, and turning as a reed with every wind. And though in the eyes of men they ſeem to be *men*, yet the Spirit calls them *women*, becauſe there is nothing to be diſcerned or ſeen in them that is *man-like*, but *folly* and *womaniſh talkativeneſs*, for they are an unprofitable and tattling generation, and their higheſt wiſdom and abilities is mere womaniſh folly, having hearts void of underſtanding: and if at any time they would be doing ſome good thing, yet there is no good foundation laid in them for a ſure bottom; but they do the evil as they do the good, and ſo ſpoil the good with the evil they do.

Thus have I, ſaith the Spirit of prophecy, been willing to deſcribe what *men* and *women* are in a true ſenſe; and it is an everlaſting truth, that ſo it is. Now none of theſe have ever yet had Chriſt for their head, whether they be *men* or *women* in nature: therefore I call them, ſaith the Spirit, *mere unprofitable, prattling, and wavering women*, that can do nothing but prate and talk concerning my Chriſtendom. I ſpeak not here of a mere wordling, ſaith the Spirit, but alſo of *them that will pretend to know me*, and who one while are on my ſide, and another while on the ſide of the world; of theſe, ſaith the Spirit, are my words chiefly to be underſtood: for I know the world very well, that they are womaniſh; and not only ſo, but as has been ſaid, they are a falſe *ſerpentine ſpirit*. Therefore I ſpeak unto you, that are neither half nor whole, neither hot nor cold, but ſhifting on both ſides; and ye are the *women* whom I here ſpeak of, ſaith the Spirit.

Now he that *defiles himſelf* with ſuch *women*, and ſuffers himſelf to be driven to and fro by them, he is

not yet *a pure virgin of Jeſus Chriſt;* for he is ſtill of the number of talkative women, and defiled with their ſins. But thoſe that have no fellowſhip with ſuch women, nor with the ſerpent, ſo as not to be defiled by them, nor to defile himſelf with their ſins, but begins to be a true man in Chriſt Jeſus, in his holineſs, in his mercy, in his lowlineſs, in his purity, in his chaſtity, in his ſervice of love, following his ſteps, in his ſelf-denial, in his poverty; he that is ſuch a man, with and in Chriſt, whether ſuch a one in nature be a *man* or *woman*, to him I ſay, ſaith the Spirit, that he ſhall be worthy to follow the Lamb whitherſoever he goeth. And theſe are they whom I *ſeal in their foreheads*, and will confirm in their hearts, againſt all aſſaults of the devil, and the world, and no creature ſhall be able to ſeparate them from Chriſt, nor to move them from following him, though it were into the deepeſt ſufferings; for I have ſealed the foreheads of their hearts, that they are firmly eſtabliſhed in God, as a wall of iron. Theſe are they that turn not aſide for any ignominy or reproach, but ſtand faſt as Mount Sion, which is not to be moved; for they are ſure that God will preſerve the pledge they have committed to him. They make nothing of any reproach, though from the very devil himſelf, but do preſs forward; and as a ſharp diamond that cuts the hard glaſs, ſo do they cut through all reproach, by their great patience, and do bleſs when they are reviled; for that they are ſure their deliverance or redemption is at hand. They lift up their weak heads in Chriſt, and being made ſtrong in him, they learn the new ſong, and mount up to the heavenly fortreſs of Sion, and ſing with a loud voice, yea, they paſs through the tribulation into the paradiſical joy of paradiſe, and no ſorrow can move them. No uncircumciſed one, nor any woman, can learn this new and wonderful ſong; but only a true believer, who flees from women as from a

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ſerpent, that they may not be their ruin: for the judge is at the door, and knocketh; happy art thou, if thou openeſt unto him in the day of his mercy, then ſhalt thou from henceforth go with him into the true joy of the marriage-feaſt. *Amen*, yea *Amen*.

For thus ſaith the Lord God, My people that have abode faithful unto me hitherto in the oppreſſion will I bring forth with a ſtrong hand, and with an outſtretched arm will I lead them, and in the time of the great ſcorching heat, when the trial comes, the *great clouds* ſhall overſhadow them; ſo that they ſhall receive refreſhment and confidence under it, and be preſerved from the great tempeſts and rain, from the hail and the great ſtorm, which I will bring over the mountains of the ungodly; and in the night-ſeaſon I will preſerve them by a pillar of fire, that ſhall ſhine over them; for I will be their God, and their everlaſting light, day and night; and I will place my cloud betwixt the Egyptians' hoſt and the hoſt of Iſrael, till my people are gone through the ſea of blood dry, g. a. g. d. ſ. w. m. n. before the night cometh, and before the great woe breaks in.

Then ſhall the children of God ſkip as the young lambs in the fields, and the wild goats upon the high moutains; yea, the mountains themſelves ſhall leap for joy, and the kings ſhout with *gladneſs*, becauſe of the camp of the ſaints. They ſhall have in their hands and mouths the true praiſing harps of God, and ſhall continually ſing with gladneſs and dances the Song of Moſes and of the Lamb. Their ſhepherd Moſes, and my ſervant David, ſhall lead up the hoſt of the ſaints, and march before them, as in the days of old, and my prieſt Aaron with them; and they ſhall bring their ſheep to a certain place, where the ſhepherds and their ſheep ſhall be ſafe. And the ewes ſhall receive their young and famiſhed ſheep, and ſhall give them ſuck, till they become great and fat, and very ſtrong in the Lord God: ſo

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that they ſhall be well fed with ſpiritual living food and drink, by their mother that ſhall receive them. For my ſheep and my lambs ſhall ſuck the *breaſts of the kings* under the whole heavens; but *two great breaſts of one ewe ſhall my people have wholly to themſelves*, ſaith the Lord God, d. t. v. r. r. They ſhall ſuck and grow fat with the breaſts of her conſolation, and be fully comforted in her: for ſhe is a city of peace, and a comfort to all people that I have created, and ſhall create for my peace; ſo that they ſhall have peace and reſt in me, and taſte and enjoy eternal ſalvation: for the nurſe of my ſons and daughters is a peaceable lamb, a country in which I will give them their fill of milk and honey; for the bleſſing of the Lord is an overflowing ſea therein. O land! land! land! thou art bleſſed unto me from the Lord; thou ſhalt always be called a Sion of the Moſt High, and a city of peace, a city in which righteouſneſs ſhall dwell, and ſhe ſhall take in my ſons and daughters. Theſe ſhall enjoy and for ever poſſeſs the great bleſſings of the Lord; for I will ſhower down bleſſings enough from heaven upon thee, thou land of the Lord, and city of peace.

And I will alſo command my ſeven fruitful *thunders* upon my land, that they ſhall, from my fruitful heaven, cauſe voices of bleſſing to be ſounded through ſeven great times, and move and ſhake my earth, that my clouds may give fruitful rain upon my bleſſed earth, and that my earth may flouriſh, and be green, when the ſummer breaks forth, and I ſhall give fruitful rain. Then my olive-trees ſhall ſprout, yea, my people, my vineyard ſhall bloſſom, and all my trees ſhall be fruitful, and bring forth a hundredfold fruits; I the Lord will ſpeedily do it, and rejoice that my hour is come. I, I the Lord will give unto my people peace, and continually do them good, by S. h. whom I will ſend one after another to my elect, to their refreſhment and everlaſting reſt and ſafety,

ſafety, that they ſhall ſtand as out-hewn *balconies* or *galleries* upon my ſeven fruitful mountains, and ſuffer my elect to dwell in the land of *bleſſing*. For my elect ſhall have tabernacles in the land of fruitfulneſs, and ſit under the ſhadow of great far-ſpreading olive-trees. For my land, that I will give to my elect, ſhall be a fat and very fruitful land, to the refreſhing of all thoſe that ſhall inherit my bleſſing. For my elect ſhall ſee it with their eyes, and hear it with their ears; for they, yea, my elect, ſhall be bleſſed with many fruitful years, that are very rich; ſo that my land, which I have given them, ſhall give them peace, and joy, and all ſatisfaction to the full. This ſay I, the Lord God.

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And I heard the voice again, ſaying to me, and he ſpake very kindly to me: "I will preſerve the innocent, and thoſe that lie under oppreſſion ſhall be raiſed up; for I am thy God, and the God of all my elect, and their merciful Father; yea, a Father of the poor forſaken orphans, and a Judge of the ungodly: but you I do help; I, your God, am your Saviour."

And my dear Father was very friendly, and ſaid to his elect, "Thou ſon of man!" And I ſaid, "Here we are; ſpeak, for we thy unworthy ſervants hear." And he ſpake again to us all with theſe words out of the 107th Pſalm, thus: Ver. 1. "Give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever." Ver 2. "Let the redeemed of the Lord ſay ſo, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy." Ver. 3. "And gathered them out of the lands, from the eaſt and from the weſt, from the north and from the ſouth." Ver. 4. "They wandered in the wilderneſs, in a ſolitary way; they found no city to dwell in." Ver. 5. "Hungry and thirſty, their ſouls fainted in them." Ver. 6. "Then they cried unto the

the Lord in their trouble, and he delivered them in their diſtreſſes." Ver. 7. "And he led them forth by the right way, that they might go to a city of habitation." i. m. v. m. n. Ver. 8. "They ſhall praiſe the Lord for his goodneſs," &c. (and ſo on to the end of the 16th verſe of that pſalm.) When he had ſaid this, he ſhewed me a great fiery furnace, in which his people lay; and he brought them forth, with great might, by a mighty man of valour, without the leaſt hurt by the fire, as Shadrach, Meſhach, and Abednego. And I aſked the Lord who this mighty man of valour was; for he was one of the children of men. And the Lord ſaid unto me, "It is the root of Jeſſe, who ſhall ſtand as an enſign to the people; after him ſhall the nations ſeek, and his reſt ſhall be glory."

And the Lord ſaid unto me again with theſe words: "I will have pity upon Jacob, and again chuſe my ſpiritual Iſrael, and will place them in their land; and ſtrangers ſhall reſort unto them, and cleave unto my elect, which are the houſe of Jacob. And the nations ſhall receive them, and bring them to their place; and my ſpiritual people Iſrael ſhall poſſeſs the nations in the land of the Lord, for their men and maid-ſervants, and they ſhall take captives thoſe that made them captives, and they ſhall rule over their drivers," i. r. r.

And I ſaw there was a *crown of twelve ſtars* ſet upon the head of this valiant man, and a name on it: *The myſtery of Jehovah, the twelve ſpiritual tribes of Iſrael.* It was all glorious and majeſtic that was upon this divine man of valour, and upon all the elect in general.

And the place was ſhewed me where the Lord received them; and that place was divided into two: the one place is, g. a. g. d. S. a. d. g. w. h. k.; the other place was ſhewed me, g. m. n. a. d. g. w. e. f. And ſo they took in the nations at both theſe places,

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and they provided meat and drink enough for them. The Father alſo ſaid unto me how the Turkiſh Emperor,—w. S. f. g. m. u. m. C. s.—for whoſoever aſſaults us—a.t. d. And t. i. a. w. u. e. u. t. d. t. e. i. a. And I was as if I—b. d. t. k. h. a. d. S. m. m. b. And the Lord ſhewed me the riches and the honour of his people, and the great glory they had upon earth.

Alſo I ſaw in a viſion the ſun ariſe as a bridegroom, adorned with glory and majeſty, and in full luſtre and great brightneſs, in the *Eaſt* and in the *North*, and all the *iſles* of the heathens were in a moment enlighted at once, as by a flaſh of lightning; for the ſun is near unto them when he ariſes in the *Eaſt*. And I beheld, that in all places where it was yet dark, that the *light dawned*, yea, the *uttermoſt places* of all among the nations were enlightened: and they came forth out of all the corners of the earth, and out of all hidden places; and they lifted up their eyes to the wonderful light of the ſun, and they were, as it were, covered with the luſtre of his light. And all the nations were at once gathered to the light of the ſun, which is the Sun of Righteouſneſs, Chriſt in the children of God. And I ſaw that the eyes of all the blind were opened, yea, of all the nations that would but look upon this wonderful light: and all the iſlands of the nations were very joyful becauſe of this glorious ſun, and praiſed God that he had vouchſafed to them to ſee that wonderful light; and they ſung new ſongs, and rejoiced with great triumph.

And I ſaw the dead ſea tremble in all parts, and there was heard up and down a great noiſe of waters running together; and the great ſea was full of brightneſs, clear as cryſtal. And I aſked the Lord what this great noiſe of the waters was, and why they made ſuch a noiſe, and gave forth ſuch a voice? And the Lord anſwered me very graciouſly, and ſaid, "They are the tribes, and tongues, and languages of the nations, whom I have gathered together to my-

ſelf, to be my people; therefore are they ſo glad, and do ſo triumph in, and do ſo praiſe and bleſs me their God and gracious Father; for they ſhall from this time forth, and for ever, daily praiſe me, and glorify my name." *Amen*, yea, *Amen*.

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I will ſing a ſong unto my beloved, and ſpeak of my vineyard, which brings forth ſuch noble fruit.

Who planted it, and who was the huſbandman thereof?

Who planted the vineyard that brings forth ſuch noble fruit, and ſo cleanſed the branches thereof, that I ſee ſuch fine grapes upon it?

Who built that high tower in thy vineyard, my deareſt love; and digged out that goodly wine-preſs, out of which the ſweet wine of the love of God is preſſed from the ſweet grapes.

Who ſaid unto Sion, Be thou built up? and to the city of peace, Be thou inhabited?

And who planted this fair hedge about thy vineyard? O thou, my beloved, my dearly beloved one! And who adorned beautiful Sion after this manner?

For ſhe ſtandeth before thee glorious and beautiful, as a bride in her attire.

Who called the bridegroom? Who is now adorned as a mighty man of valour?

Who cauſed this, and who was the bride's friend, that found out for her ſuch a mighty man of valour, the moſt pure and beautiful Son of the Virgin?

And who brought forth ſo beautiful and pure a virgin, ſo chaſte and undefiled for a bride, and joined them both together for ever, in judgment and righteouſneſs, in grace and mercy?

Thus ſaith the Spirit: Praiſe, ye heavens, for the Lord himſelf has done it.

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And let all that he hath created praiſe him, and rejoice for his great and moſt glorious majeſty, which is ſo glorious in all lands.

Therefore awake thou, my muſical inſtrument, that the name of the Lord may be praiſed.

I will praiſe the Lord, and offer up eternal praiſe and thanks unto his name, from the bottom of my heart.

O ye inſtruments of muſic awake, with all the harps of God, and give God the praiſe! Sing praiſes, ſing praiſes to him with loud-ſounding trumpets!

Praiſe the Lord, that it may ſound upon earth, and cry aloud with loud voices: She is built, yea, the Lord hath built up Sion! yea, Sion is eſpouſed unto the Lord! yea, Sion is a Lamb of God, and Jeſus is her bridegroom!

Let the earth rejoice, and the mountains leap for joy, like lambs. The lions, bears, and all the great fat oxen, ſhall alſo feed among Sion's lambs; and mighty kings ſhall ſerve God, for which I am glad for ever. Triumph! triumph! triumph for ever in the ſweet ſound of the jubilee!

And the Lord ſaid again to me, *Cry out, Oh! Oh! —and Woe unto Chriſtendom!*

For from henceforward will I utterly root out the *greateſt part of them from off the earth*, and will cut off great nations from my wicked *Chriſtendom*, by the mighty *warlike deluge of the Turks*; they ſhall cover thy whole land with a great multitude of people, that I will bring upon thee; I will have no pity on thee, how hard ſoever it goes with thee; for I will from henceforward pour forth thy blood as water, and ſmite you every where with peſtilence. And I will cauſe the *famine* to be ſo great among you, that *ye ſhall devour one another for mere hunger*; for I will ſmite the earth with a *fiery hail*, and thereby ſet on fire the trees in the fields, and in the woods, and the graſs in the meadows, and will burn up the fruits in the fields. Then ſhall the famine wax great, and prevail; and

the plague ſhall be great in all cities, towns, and countries, nor ſhall any kingdom be free from it. And then ſhall the wild beaſts come upon you in crowds, and tear, and devour you in all places; and I will command *the ſword of the Turk* not to ſpare you at all: for I will judge thee by my ſervant *the Great Iſhmael*, and will ſlay you, ye wicked Chriſtians, for by his ſword will I root out whole multitudes of you, for you have ſinned too too heavily againſt me: Therefore alſo will I have no compaſſion upon you, nor take away your ſins from you, nor be reconciled unto you, until I have taken vengeance on you for the reproach which I have been fain to bear and ſuffer by you, wicked Chriſtians, ſaith the Lord God.

Thus ſaith the Lord God: Your blood, which I will cauſe to be ſhed, ſhall be upon yourſelves, and I will have no compaſſion upon them, how ill ſoever it goes with them; for they have made themſelves groſsly obnoxious unto me, and have rejoiced over my elect, and made a mock of them when it went hard with them; and did deſpiſe, revile, and expoſe them; *perſecuting them, and driving them from one city (or town) and land to another, bare-footed and ſtark naked, hungry and thirſty; and, finally, they ſentenced them to impriſonment, to the fire, and to the ſword. And thus my elect have been as a continual curſe and ſacrifice among your crew, and a wonder to the people. Woe, woe be unto thee! it will go hard with thee for theſe things; for I the Lord God will, as ſure as I live, perſecute thee again, and do unto thee as thou haſt done unto them; I, I will remember thee, and will avenge it in one day, and in one time, in two times, and half a time; I will ſhed thy blood abundantly, and cauſe thy dung to be trampled out of thee, and thou ſhalt lie like dirt upon the earth, in the place where I will judge thee; and thy blood ſhall flow as ſtreams of water along the ground. This is the day of vengeance,

* The laſt, and univerſal perſecution.

geance, and an hour of recompence, ſaith the Lord God.

And the Lord God ſaid unto me, "I will give command to the EMPEROR *of the* TURKS, my ſervant ISHMAEL, to deal with the ungodly very unmercifully, who do ſo much deſpiſe me, till they be totally rooted out of the earth; for I will reject the ſerpentine and adulterous Anti-Chriſtians from before my face, ſo that the houſe of the wicked ſhall rule and reign no more over the little houſe of the righteous."

And the Lord ſaid, "Declare it to the kingdom of the Eagle, and ſay, The light ſhall be taken from thee, and thou ſhalt be left to ſit in darkneſs, for my ſun ſhall no longer ſhine upon thee, which thou haſt ſo often darkened with thy great wickedneſs. Surely when I take my light from thee, ſhall not the heavens mourn for thee, for great fear; for thou ſhalt have ſo great darkneſs in thy land, that it may be felt, as I did in Egypt of old time. What will it help thee, if thou ſhouldſt alſo bring all thy wizzards together? they ſhall not be able to help thee; for there is no help for thee, neither in heaven nor in earth, unleſs thou turneſt unto me with thy whole heart: then will I provide thee help; otherwiſe thou art to expect no help, but a dreadful expectation of the fire of my jealouſy, and of the juſt judgments of God, which I will bring upon thee, becauſe thou haſt ſo grievouſly ſinned againſt my elect, which thou haſt brought to the ſlaughter by heaps. Remember it now, call to mind what thou haſt done. Oh! Oh! how terribly ſhall it go with thee! How is the Lord ſo incenſed againſt thee for thy great wickedneſs! O turn a little into thyſelf, and conſider the matter aright, and thou wilt find that thou haſt ſinned grievouſly againſt me."

O, woe! woe unto thee, thou poor *Chriſtendom!* it will go miſerably with thee. Oh! Oh! I muſt

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mourn for thy fall, for thy puniſhment is very heavy upon thee! For thus ſaith the Lord God, I will deſtroy a great multitude of *people in the whole Roman Empire*, that cleave unto it, I will root them out; from man to beaſt; I will bring upon them at once the *ſword, famine, and a great peſtilence*, and make their ſwords clink and glitter; yea, I will make them ſo to claſh and ſound, from the *Eaſt* and the *North*, that all hearts ſhall be affrighted and grow faint, yea, tremble and quake for the great diſtreſs that ſhall come upon them, as the pangs upon a woman in travail; they ſhall flee for the noiſe of the cry of the ſoldiers, when they are yet afar off, and hide themſelves before ever they ſee a ſoldier appear. And I will, ſaith the Lord God, command the famine and plague ſwiftly to ſlay thee by heaps, and to ſweep thee away, with all thy multitudes, and all the kingdoms and principalities that ſhall come in to thy aſſiſtance, will I ſmite them with a *great plague*, that they ſhall turn their backs again from thee; for I will lay thee open before the eyes of all men, and tear off the cover of thy power from the nations. And *I will uncover the whole Roman Empire*, and ſtrip her before all nations, and take away the veil. Then ſhall they ſee her ſhame, and ſhe ſhall bluſh before me; and then I will purſue them ſorely with the *ſword, famine, ravenous beaſts*, and the *plague:* yea, I will exerciſe ſuch vengeance upon them, that the nations that ſhall hear of my puniſhment ſhall be terribly aſtoniſhed at the vengeance of the Almighty, and at the cruel puniſhment of Jehovah, which I will bring upon them in the fields, and on all places where men dwell, will I make them to fall by the edge of the ſword, and there ſhall be none to bury them, but they ſhall become dung; and I will caſt their bodies, which they have uſed ſo voluptuouſly, ſo whoriſhly, ſo adulterouſly, beaſtly, deviliſhly, wickedly, ſo unmannerly, proudly, exaltedly, and wantonly, to the wild beaſts,

beaſts, to be devoured by them; yea, I will command the wolves, the bears, the wild boars, and many other more cruel beaſts, which yet thou knoweſt not, to devour and tear thee to pieces in all places; for I will make them mad, and very fierce, that they ſhall not ſpare even the living. They ſhall without fear break into thy houſes and battered cities, and reduce thee to diſtreſs; yea, I will call beaſts and birds out of far countries, the ſhape of which thou ſhalt not know; they ſhall fall upon thee in ſwarms, as caterpillars, and they ſhall eat thy fleſh, and drink thy blood, and kill thy children, and rend all things in pieces. Thus will I finiſh my vengeance and my wrath upon thee: this ſay I the Lord God.

Thus ſaith the Lord God to me: "I will from henceforth command all my winds to aſſemble from the four quarters of the earth, and ſtorm one againſt another; ſo that the *North* and *Eaſt* winds ſhall come with great tempeſtuouſneſs, and wage war againſt the *South* and *Weſt* winds; and the *South* and *Weſt* winds ſhall war againſt the *Northern* and *Eaſterly* winds, and in the end I will give victory unto the *North* and *Eaſt* winds. And they ſhall march through *Poland* into *Saxony*, and through *Saxony* into *Germany*, up and down, to and fro, in the breadth and length; through *Heſſen*, and along the rivers *Mayn* and *Rhine*, up and down in *Holland*, through the whole *Upper Palatinate*, *Bavaria*, *Swabia*, *Franconia*, all their principalities and earldoms, and the whole *Lower Palatinate*, even into *Alſatia*; yea, from *Burgundy*, *Brabant*, *Flanders*, *Spain*, and *France*, to ENGLAND, will I make the land a place of confuſion.

"And I will kindle a mighty flame of war in them, that ſhall devour them with dreadful flames; for I will bring upon them one judgment after another, and they ſhall fall upon one another as mad dogs; for I will bring warriors together, from the

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four winds, into theſe lands, and into the borders thereof, of which I have ſaid, and they ſhall rend in pieces all the mountains therein, and break down all the high hills, and break into their fortified cities.

Woe unto thee, *Straſburg!* thou ſhalt be heavily threſhed; for thou haſt been hitherto very wicked and inſolent to thy inhabitants, therefore will I viſit thee very ſorely; and I will throw down thy pride and haughtineſs, and chaſtiſe thee with the *ſword, death,* and *peſtilence,* and by this means will I humble thee.

Therefore amend thyſelf, O *Straſburg!* thou and thy whole land: then will I not deſtroy thee, but accept of thy repentance for the ſins thou haſt committed; but if thou wilt not humble thyſelf before me, I will puniſh thee for thy great wickedneſs. And I the Lord will avenge *the blood of my elect, whom thou haſt rejected and chaſed away,* until thou humbleſt thyſelf before me, ſaith the Lord God. And thou, city *Briſack,* thee will I deſtroy by the hand of *the Southern Eagle, and lay all Alſatia waſte.*

Therefore, woe unto thee, thou city *Briſack!* who lieſt upon a rock, ſaith the Lord God; and to all *thy daughters,* who are exalted with thee in thy land; I will viſit thee by the *South* and *Weſt* winds, from the *South* and *Weſt,* and will cauſe thee to be *cloſely beſieged* by a great people. I will kindle a great fire round about thee and thy whole country, and ſhall ſtir up a great flood of war againſt thee, that ſhall *ruin and burn thee,* ſaith the Lord God.

Therefore ſaith the Lord God to thee: *Briſack,* I have often chaſtiſed thee, and thy whole country with thee, but hitherto thou wouldſt not humble thyſelf before me: therefore am I ſore diſpleaſed with thee, together with all thy ungodly ones; and I will puniſh thee ſeverely, until I have rooted thee out from off the earth, ſaith the Lord God. Humble thyſelf therefore before me, ſaith the Lord God, and

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I will ſuffer none of theſe things to come upon thee, that I have ſpoken againſt thee, ſaith the Lord God.

But from the *Eaſt* will I raiſe great ſtormy winds, and *bring my ſervant the Great Turk* upon you with a mighty warlike hoſt, *againſt the South and Weſt winds of the Eagle: then ſhall the blood which ſhall be ſhed up and down in the NETHERLANDS run down as water.* And the *South* and *Weſt* winds ſhall be ſorely beaten by the *Eaſt* winds, ſo that men ſhall be as ſcarce in theſe lands as gold in many places; and the people ſhall be ſwept out as with beſoms, becauſe of their great ſins and wickedneſs; for it ſhall be as if *one ſword* devoured another, and one man ſtrangled another; yea, there ſhall be ſo great miſery upon earth as never was before known, ſince the time that men have lived upon the earth.

And cities and countries ſhall be devoured *by the great peſtilence*, ſo that by reaſon of the great mortality that ſhall be among them, and among their armies, they ſhall let their ſwords fall out of their hands: for I will utterly deſtroy whole armies, cities, and countries, by the plague, ſo that they ſhall be wholly devoured thereby. And this ſhall the *South* and *Weſt* winds ſoon feel in their countries, even to *the uttermoſt lands of the heathen; ſo that they ſhall be obliged to forſake their countries by reaſon of the great plague, and leave the world:* for my vengeance is great, and my puniſhment of them is very heavy; for I will make an end of them by the *ſword*, *famine*, and *plague*, as green graſs that is mowed down with a ſcythe; and they ſhall be devoured and torn to pieces of the beaſts, ſaith the Lord God. For I will ſcatter great peſtilence in all *the Weſtern Countries*, on the right and on the left hand, towards the *North* and the *South*, ſo that cities and countries ſhall die out, as if there had never been any men in many places, ſaith the Lord God.

And the Lord God ſhewed me, in a viſion of the night, *a certain ſpiritual perſon*, who was a *virgin*, and had a great printed table in her hand, which ſhe held *twice* before my eyes, in which I ſaw written, *Great Peſtilence!* and within, round about the brim or verge, ſtood cities and men deſcribed in their forms, and by them ſtood written the names of the ſeveral places and men. And *Great Peſtilence* was written round about the whole edge, as one city ſtood after another; the one was marked for the plague, the other not; and one man was marked out for the plague, another not. Thus it was round about the margin. And a voice cried unto me, *Death is come in at their windows!* And the virgin that held the table ſaid unto me, *I will now go away, and declare unto all men in the cities and countries, the judgment of the plague.* And I ſaw her depart, and cry out unto cities and countries to repent; for the Lord would ſmite them with great peſtilence. And I followed *this ſpiritual virgin*, and I alſo declared all theſe things that I had ſeen and read in that printed table, upon which aroſe *a great tumult among the people;* and the plague came, and took away great multitudes.

This was the night-viſion of the *great plague*, which I ſaw written in the table of that *ſpiritual virgin.*

And the Lord of Hoſts called unto me the next night, and ſaid, *Ariſe, my meſſenger, ariſe, my ſervant Maximilian, and write this ſaying which I ſhall tell thee;* to wit, thus: "The Lord God will ariſe with the judgment of his jealouſy, and ſmite the whole city of *Vienna*, with the towns and countries round about her, far and near, with great peſtilence and famine, towards the *Eaſt* and towards the *North*, towards the *Weſt* and towards the *South*, as I ſhewed thee written in the before-mentioned table, which I repreſented to thee in a viſion. Therefore preach repentance

repentance unto the city of *Vienna*, with the cities and countries round about her, and ſay unto them, Thus ſaith the Lord God of Hoſts, Change your wicked Cain's minds, and ceaſe from unrighteouſneſs. And you Rulers in the land, exerciſe juſtice, and ceaſe from your wickedneſs, with which you cauſe the land to ſin; and all ye that dwell in cities, towns, and countries, muſt humble yourſelves before my great and high majeſty, whether high or low, young or old, rich or poor, learned or unlearned; for I the Lord am a jealous God towards the ungodly, and an avenger of all wickedneſs: I will avenge myſelf upon all the wicked, and no man ſhall prevail with me any longer, until I have avenged myſelf, and poured forth my fierce wrath, with great rage, upon the ungodly, if they do not repent, and do not take warning, ſo that they amend themſelves, and be converted from their great ſins and iniquities, from their deceit and great offences, covetouſneſs and lying, and all things that have defamed and diſhonoured my holy name, from the beginning of the world to this day," ſaith the Lord God.

And the Lord God ſaid unto me, *Take up a lamentation for the ROMAN EMPIRE, and for their Kings and Princes*, from the 32d chapter of Ezekiel, with an appendix, as I ſhall tell thee:

" And it came to paſs in the twelfth year, on the firſt day of the twelfth month, came the word of the Lord unto me, ſaying," Ver. 2. " Son of Man, take up a lamentation, for the deſtroyer, that hath deſtroyed my choſen Iſrael, that I have named after the Spirit, in the *Roman land of oppreſſion*, and ſay unto him, Thou art like a lion of the nations, and as a whale in the ſeas; and thou comeſt forth with thy rivers, which are thy people, and troubleſt the waters of the people with thy feet, of kings, princes, mighty ones, judges, rulers, captains, counſellors, ſheriffs,

earls, noblemen, and ſuch like eagle's claws, where-with thou troubleſt the water of the people."

Thus ſaith the Lord God: "I will caſt my net over thee by a great multitude of people, to wit, *by the Turks;* they ſhall drive thee into my net, with all thy multitudes. And I will draw thee on to the land, and caſt thee upon the field, ſo that all the fowls of the air ſhall ſit upon thee, and thy whole hoſt of warriors, and all beaſts of the earth ſhall be ſatiated of thee; and I will caſt out thy carcaſs to all the people of the country, upon the mountains of the kingdoms and principalities, and with thy heights will I fill up all the dales of the lands. The land wherein thou ſwimmeſt will I make red with thy blood, to the very mountains, that the brooks ſhall be filled of thee; and when thou art quite gone, I will cover the heavens, and make dark it's ſtars, and cover the heavens with clouds, and the moon ſhall not ſhine. I will cauſe all the ſpiritual lights of heaven to be made dark upon thee, and will bring darkneſs upon thy country, ſaith the Lord God. Moreover, I will make many people's hearts afraid when I cauſe the nations to ſee thy plagues, and many countries which thou doſt not know, yea, many nations ſhall be affrighted at thee, and their *kings* ſhall be terrified, when I ſhall brandiſh my ſword againſt them, they ſhall ſtand altogether amazed, and their hearts ſhall fail them by reaſon of thy fall. For thus ſaith the Lord God, The ſword of the *Turks* and *Swedes* ſhall fall upon thee, and I will fell thy people by the ſword of their mighty men, and by all manner of heathen-tyrants, amongſt the Turkiſh people; they ſhall *ſubdue the glory of the Roman Empire*, till all the people thereof be deſtroyed; and I will cut off all the beaſts thereof, the wicked tyrannical people, great and ſmall, at the great waters of mighty nations, that neither the feet of men, nor the hoof of any beaſts, ſhall trouble them any more.

Then

Then will I cleanſe his waters, thoſe great nations and countries, ſo that the ſtreams thereof ſhall run down like oil, ſaith the Lord God: when I have laid waſte the *Roman Empire*, and made all the land deſolate, and ſmitten all that dwell therein, ſo that they ſhall know that I am the Lord. And the calamity ſhall be ſo great, that it may well be lamented; yea, many daughters of the heathen cities ſhall take up lamentation for the Roman Empire, and all the people thereof, ſaith the Lord God."

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ROME.

AND the Lord God ſhewed me a horrible City, in a viſion, that was full of cruelty and idolatry. I aſked the Lord, *What city that was, and what was the name thereof?* And the Lord ſaid unto me, "It is the capital city of *Rome*, and the whole land thereof; that greateſt of whores, and the beginning of all abominations that have been committed in Chriſtendom. Yea, ſhe is the mother of all wickedneſs, who has alſo made all her daughters, the cities, and kingdoms, and principalities throughout Chriſtendom, whom ſhe has bore and brought forth by *her* goſpel, to be as errant whores as herſelf. In her has been ſhed the blood of all my witneſſes unto blood, and ſhe has been the cauſe of their death from the beginning."

O, woe unto thee, thou blood-thirſty, murderous City of Rome! thou cruel murdereſs and ſlaughtereſs! woeful, woeful will be thy judgment, and thy lot ſhall be dreadful, as well as that of thy whole blood-thirſty and drunken land, together with all thy daughters, that lie in the fields round about thee, and are juſt ſuch other abominations before me as thou thyſelf art! They ſhall all of them, together with thee, drink up the dregs of the cup of my fierce wrath!

I will

I will ſend forth the *ſword, famine, and dreadful peſtilence*, as the meſſengers of my fierce wrath, upon you *murderers*; for you of *Rome*, you, even you, have ſhed, and cauſed to be ſhed, ſo much blood of my faithful and true witneſſes, that it is beyond all number and meaſure. Do you think that I will not puniſh you for it, who am ſo ſevere and juſt an *avenger of blood?* or that I will ſuffer the murdering ſwords for ever to hang by your ſides, O ye murderers? I the Lord God will ungird it from your ſide, and you ſhall, as ſure as I live, be ſmitten and deſtroyed by the ſword: I will bring all miſchief upon you murderers, and will utterly deſtroy you. "I will bring upon you my ſervant *Charles*, with a great hoſt of *Turks*, and all nations, together with the *Kings of Chriſtendom*, and a great people; and will give them, my ſervants,—a. i. j. u. d. p.—for their leaders and captains; they ſhall ſlay you as a butcher ſlays an ox in his ſlaughter-houſe! And you POPES, I will caſt your crowns down from your heads to the earth, and cauſe them to be trampled under foot; yea, I will trample upon them with the feet of—m. a. l. w.—Ye are fat and well-fed oxen, ye popes, cardinals, and all you prieſts. I well fetch the butcher from the *North*, who ſhall ſlay you; and how fairly ſhall the city of *Rome* then become fuel for the fire!"

O, thou miſerable city of *Rome!* where ſhalt thou find ſecret places enough to hide thy belly-gods, thy prieſts, biſhops, cardinals, and all thy voluptuous ones? And as a ſtorm comes unexpectedly, and oftentimes ſo ſuddenly that nobody can eſcape it; ſo ſhall the wrath of the Lord come ſwiftly upon thee, with a mighty deluge of war, as an irruption of the ſea, and thou ſhalt not be able to avoid it. *O how ſhall the ſword of the Lord be glutted in your fat paunches!* how all bloody will it be! I will let you be tormented with the extremeſt torments; for I will root out all your ſeed and your memory altogether, ſaith the Lord God: for I will raiſe up many kingdoms againſt her

her from the four ends of the earth. Surely they ſhall lay thee even with the ground, and burn thee with fire, and make ſpoil of thy goods! Verily they ſhall utterly deſtroy thee, with all thy whoriſh pomp and voluptuouſneſs, and make thee to be a rock and waſte, ſaith the Lord God.

Thus ſaith the Lord God concerning his ſervant *Charles*, whom he hath anointed to be king over his people: "I will make all that are under the heavens ſubject to him, both men and beaſts; and he ſhall be lord over them, and he ſhall reign over man as a land ſhepherd, as my ſervant David; for I will make all that is upon earth ſubject to him, ſaith the Lord God."

And the Lord God ſpake again unto me: *Take up a lamentation for the city of Rome, and for her whole country, and draw her picture from the type of Tyre*, out of the prophet Ezekiel, chap. xxviii. "And the word of the Lord came unto me, ſaying: Thou ſon of man, ſay unto the *Pope of Rome*, who offers *my* frankincenſe and *my* oil to the idols for a meat-offering and a drink-offering, Thus ſaith the Lord God, Becauſe thy heart is exalted, and thou haſt ſaid, I am God, I ſit in the ſeat of God, in the midſt of the ſeas; yea, thou art but a man, and not God, though thou ſetteſt thy heart as the heart of God. Behold thou lookeſt upon thyſelf to be wiſer than Daniel, and all my ſervants, and that there is no ſecret hid from thee; and haſt gotten unto thyſelf, by thy wiſdom and underſtanding, ſuch power, and treaſures of gold and ſilver, and made thy cloiſters rich, and haſt by thy great wiſdom and traffic obtained ſo great power and riches, and thine heart is lifted up becauſe thou art become ſo powerful; therefore thus ſaith the Lord, Becauſe thou haſt ſet thine heart as the heart of God," and pretendeſt that it is commanded thee to make new laws, and lay heavy burdens upon men, to excommunicate them, to make them

them drag heavy croſſes after them, to give them pardon of ſins for many years to come, to retain ſins, to wage the *ſpiritual* and *temporal ſword*, to exerciſe vengeance, to make war, to deſtroy ſouls, to damn them, to releaſe them out of purgatory, to make idols, to worſhip images, to adore men, to give holy water for ſanctification, to build churches and cloiſters, to honour me, the Inviſible One, in ſtone-heaps: all which things thou haſt invented, as a man of great wiſdom and holineſs. "Therefore thus ſaith the Lord God, Behold I will bring ſtrangers upon thee." v. 7. "The *Turks* and *Swedes*, and all manner of Tyrants of the heathen nations, with all the kings in *Chriſtendom*, and their people, theſe ſhall draw their ſwords againſt the beauty of wiſdom, and they ſhall defile thy brightneſs, and they ſhall bring thee down to the pit; and thou ſhalt die as thoſe that are ſlain in the midſt of the ſea. Wilt thou yet ſay before him that ſlayeth thee, I am God? when indeed thou art no god, but a man in the hand of him that ſlayeth thee." *Thus ſaith the Lord God, of the Pope of Rome, and of all Cardinals and Prieſts:* "Ye ſhall die the death of the uncircumciſed, by the hands of ſtrangers; for I have ſpoken it, ſaith the Lord God. Thou ſon of man, take up a lamentation for the *Biſhop of Rome*, and ſay unto him, Thus ſaith the Lord God: Thou art a pure Seal, full of wiſdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou haſt been in Eden, the Paradiſe of God. Every precious ſtone was thy covering; the ſardin, topaz, and the diamond; the beryl, the onyx, and the jaſper; the ſapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold, in the day in which thou waſt created; the workmanſhip of thy tabrets, and of thy *pipes*, thy *organs*, and all inſtruments of muſic, with cornets and trumpets, were prepared in thy churches and cloiſters. Thou art like a cherub, which ſpreads itſelf abroad as a cherub of God that covereth the mercy-ſeat in the moſt holy place; and I have ſet thee over

over the Jeruſalem of the nations, as a biſhop upon the holy mountain of God, that thou mighteſt walk as a biſhop among the fiery ſtones of my elect, and waſt without blemiſh, in thy ways, in the day in which thou waſt begotten and created by the Goſpel, till thou didſt grow wanton, and that many nations fell to thee, and thou greweſt up into great provinces and kingdoms, and that thy iniquity was found out; for thou art inwardly full of iniquity, by means of thy great traffick, and thereby art found guilty before me: therefore will I caſt thee, as profane, from off the mountain of God, out of my Chriſtendom, the city of the heathens, Jeruſalem; and I will wholly reject thee, thou outſpread covering cherub, with all thy cardinals, biſhops, prieſts, and prelates, from among the fiery ſtones of the true ſervants, and virgins of Jeſus Chriſt. And ſince thy heart is lifted up becauſe of thy beauty, thy coſtly attire and church pomp, and haſt ſuffered thy wiſdom to deceive thee, by reaſon of thy brightneſs, therefore will I caſt thee down to the ground, and lay thee open, before kings, and before all men, that they may behold thee; for thou, biſhop, haſt defiled thy ſanctuary by thy great iniquities, and by the iniquity of thy doings; therefore will I kindle a fire, from thy kings and princes, in the midſt of thee, which ſhall totally devour thee, O *Rome!* O *Rome!* and I will bring thee to aſhes upon the earth, in the ſight of the whole world. All they that know thee among the people ſhall be aſtoniſhed at thee, that thou art ſo ſuddenly brought down, and canſt never riſe again, ſaith the Lord God."

Theſe prophecies, out of the prophet Ezekiel, God commanded me to ſet down here; for he ſpake mouth to mouth unto my ſoul, and commanded me very earneſtly to write, as he ſhould tell it me. And now here it ſtands, as God did command me: whoever now ſhall deſpiſe it, and ſhall ſpeak and judge

evil of it, will bring a heavy judgment upon his own neck. This has God written by me his pen, *John Maximilian*, as a warning to every one; therefore let no man deceive himſelf, for God will not be mocked, and whatſoever he does is juſt and right. Fools err and go aſtray, and the careleſs mockers ſhall be rooted out, and ſhall not ſee the goodneſs of the Lord for ever. *Amen.*

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SION.

But thus ſaith the Lord God of all the remnant of his people: As I was jealous over them in my wrath, when they ſinned againſt me, ſo will I alſo have compaſſion on them, and gather them from among all *nations* where I have ſcattered them. And I will receive them as a people to whom I will ſhew *great mercy;* for I *will pour forth my ſpirit* into their hearts, that they ſhall *with one accord be unto me a holy people;* for I will give them all *my ſervants the prophets for their ſhepherds and teachers.* I, I the Lord will build up and eſtabliſh Sion: and the Lord God ſhall build round about Sion all the people that ſhall be created, and they ſhall be unto me an acceptable Jeruſalem, wherein all my ſervants the martyrs, and the prophets, and the Lamb, ſhall be laid as an eternal foundation. And upon this foundation will I build all my generations, and tongues, and nations, as a living city of God, and will eſtabliſh her by the Holy Ghoſt. And I myſelf will be a wall of fire for their defence round about them, and I will kindle them again, as in the beginning, with perfect love, through a living faith in me, which I will create in them. I will rejoice in them, yea, I will dwell in the midſt of them; I will eſpouſe myſelf to them, and take her for an everlaſting bride for my Son, whom I have begotten, by my incorruptible living

living Word, from eternity; I will promiſe and eſpouſe her to him. "Then ſhall all emperors and kings rejoice in my name; the *Turks* ſhall glory in the Goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, and become, with all nations, a pure ſacrifice to God, praiſing and giving thanks unto him. All mountains and high hills of the princes and mighty ones, in all nations, ſhall rejoice in God, and walk in his ways. I will make all the vallies of men full of the glory of God, and their cities and lands full of the knowledge of the Lord, as an overflowing ſea, that covers and overſpreads the earth; for I will cauſe living ſtreams to flow from the midſt of her; and all nations ſhall be offered up unto me as a ſacrifice, yea, as a golden offering upon my golden altar. And I will walk through the midſt of them all, that are in the four ends of the earth, with my golden meaſuring reed: for I will meaſure all nations, in their length and breadth, in their depth and height; and I will bleſs the earth every where, and make it fruitful; and will give them all that is good for ſoul and body, for I have compaſſion upon them, ſaith the Lord God."

Rejoice then, now, my eſpouſed Sion; thou art my choſen *royal, and prieſtly inheritance.* Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for my ſalvation is nigh unto thee, and comes in great power, and I the Lord God am thy redeemer. Be faithful, my Sion, for I have purchaſed thee at a dear rate out of all the people of the earth, to be faithful unto me. I, even I, am thy ſalvation, and thy redeemer; be not thou, therefore, afraid, my Sion, who art yet ſcattered to and fro among the nations; I will now ſpeedily, yea, ſuddenly, gather thee *with a ſtrong trumpet.* I the Lord will ſtrengthen thee with my arm, and with my holy eyes will I lead and guide thee ſafely; *for I will ſanctify to thy ſervice both horſes and chariots, that ſhall carry thee,*—i. a. g. u. m. n.

Now, then, be thou comforted, and fear not, the people of mine inheritance, and thou my elect

Son. Make haſte, make haſte, *deny thyſelf*, that the world may not again over-perſuade and catch thee. Truſt me, Sion, and I will deliver thee, and will be thy God, and thy ſtrong redeemer. *Amen;* yea, *Amen.*

Rejoice ye then, now, ye righteous ones; for it is God that has filled and bleſſed you with all bleſſings, and he hath executed the judgment of all his ſervants, the prophets and apoſtles, upon the Great Whore, and has avenged the blood of all the faithful witneſſes of Jeſus Chriſt, by a dreadful judgment. She is fallen, and trod down by the Mighty God; her violence and whoriſh pride is humbled, and caſt down to the ground; her blood is caſt unto the dogs, and the great *Jezebel* is devoured. Her land is become an everlaſting wilderneſs, and an heritage for all wild beaſts, and hateful birds. Her cities are burnt with fire, and the ſmoke of her torment aſcendeth for ever. Her inſtruments of muſic, and voluptuous life, is with her gone down into hell, into the bottomleſs pit, and turned into an everlaſting howling and lamentation. They lie in hell, as ſheep for the ſlaughter, and the righteous bear rule over them.

Rejoice then, now, ye righteous; take unto you harps, and your golden vials full of prayer and of thankſgiving.

Let your hearts be a golden pſaltery to the praiſe of God, and meet your God with rejoicing and exaltation, and give thanks unto the Lord your God.

Sing praiſes, and triumph in his holy name, and glorify your God now and for evermore, who has ſo bleſſed thee, with the golden-bleſſing-pearls of his wonders, of his great mercy; ſing unto him a new ſong, with the whole heart.

Take the golden pſaltery of ten ſtrings, and play to him victory! victory!

For God is great in thee, thou choſen Sion.

The

The hundred and forty-four thouſand virgins ſing pleaſantly unto their God, in their virginal government, and exalt his moſt glorious majeſty, whoſe wonderful name is great in heaven and on earth.

All the angels of God call upon thee, thou moſt excellent Emperor, in heaven and earth; and thou moſt honourable King of all kings, in heaven and on earth; and thou moſt illuſtrious Prince of princes, in heaven and earth.

Thou art the Almighty God. All the heathens come unto thee, and adore thy majeſty, in the name of wonder.

All *emperors* and *kings*, all *princes*, and *mighty men upon earth*, muſt praiſe and call upon thy name, thy alone mighty, and moſt glorious, majeſtic, and moſt excellent imperial and royal name, above all kingdoms, and muſt give honour unto thee alone.

Yea, give thanks unto your God, that prepares and fits you to praiſe him: for he is alone mighty, holy, praiſe-worthy, and working wonders; he is a righteous God.

I, ſaith the Lord God, do call all and every one to turn in unto himſelf, and to give glory unto my name.

Therefore do I from henceforward call heaven and earth together to praiſe God.

O go, go, make haſte to meet your God; play unto him upon the kettle-drums and harps, with organs and ſounding trumpets.

Go in ranks, with viols and flutes; give praiſes, give praiſes unto our God.

Send forth to him a pleaſant ſhout of victory, all ye that overcome this preſent world.

Screw the ſtrings high, and make a great noiſe with flutes, organs, and ſounding trumpets; together with all ſorts of pſalteries, at the [triumphant] entrance of the daughter of my people.

Call

Call together all the kingdoms of the kings upon the whole earth, to the golden praiſes of God.

" The lords of the hoſts are unanimous with the congregation of the ſaints of God; they ſhout for joy, and give the praiſe unto God.

" O ye mountains of God, and ye hills of all hills, every where be glad, and give God the praiſe.

" The king—C. v. m. n. u. d. k. v. a. g. d. s. —be joyful, and give God the praiſe.

" Moſes, the ſervant of God, and Aaron, the high prieſt, who led the royal generation of the ſpiritual Iſrael of God, be joyful, and give praiſe unto God.

" There are threeſcore mighty men round about the chair of Moſes, holding drawn ſwords in their hands, and are all joyful, giving praiſe unto God.

" O all ye children of God, who are come out of the great tribulation, be ye joyful, for here is the protection of God; give God the praiſe.

" O all ye that are refreſhed, and your hearts are comforted, and your ſouls made glad, and your garments made white, and your faces ſhining, be ye all of one accord, and with one heart give praiſe unto God.

" All lords and ladies, all men-ſervants and maids, all young men and virgins, yea, all that remain of the ſword, the famine, the ravenous beaſts, and the plague, be ye converted unto the Lord, and give praiſe unto God.

" Ye ſeven lambs, whom I have ſanctified to myſelf upon my holy hill, ye muſt continually ſing praiſes in my ſanctuary, and give thanks to my name for ever and ever.

" Let all that is below the only ſun, triumph every day in God, and give praiſe unto him.

" And let all and every one give praiſe and thanks to his God and wonderful King, who from henceforth

forth is ſo great and high above all the gods of the world."

The noble bridegroom ariſeth, and breaks forth as the ſun from the joyful morning red.

He goes forth of his palace richly attired, and out of his golden chamber with great ſplendor.

O how doth the earth rejoice!

The bride is gloriouſly and pompouſly adorned, with precious gold, and the moſt rich ornaments of pearls of great price.

She goes to meet her bridegroom; her heart is full of gladneſs.

She ſhed abroad a great luſtre of virtue, and pleaſes her bride exceedingly in this dreſs.

He placeth her on his right hand; ſhe is within and every way glorious and very amiable.

She goes before, and the daughters follow her in all the footſteps of her virtues, in ſpiritual order, richly and pompouſly adorned in her glory.

She is an ornament of God, and a mirror of his excellency.

For ſhe is arrayed with all ſumptuouſneſs from his high heavens.

Her companions, the ſpiritual virgins, are with her in great numbers, and they rejoice with her.

"The *Lily-Heaven*,* and his humbled and fruitful growth, towards the *Weſt* and the *South*, will alſo in due time join themſelves with his *daughters* in this *row*, with the companions of the bride of Jeſus Chriſt, to rejoice with her in the ſpiritual government of God, with all the handmaids, in very great numbers.

"Therefore rejoice in your God and King, ye *heavens*, every where, and all ye angels of God, that are in them; and let the earth, and every creature that is upon it, ſhout with a joyful voice, for the glorious entrance of the majeſty of the God of Jacob.

"Let

* See page 55—*France.*

" Let the roaring ſea be ſtill, and it's proud lofty waves come down into deep humility.

" Let the rivers of water be clear and calm; their floods are as oily rivers of milk and wine.

" And great voices ſhall be heard upon the celeſtial earth, to the honour and praiſe of the mighty God of Jacob, who is the great patriarch of God, in the third kingdom upon earth, a high father of all people.

" Therefore do the people of all nations and tongues honour God, and there is a great ſpiritual commotion upon the deep waters of God.

" The light of the ſun ſhines in the darkneſs, and the men of God have great joy thereby, in the dear name Jehovah.

" The poor do glory in God, and do rejoice in his wonderous light.

" And we do all greatly rejoice, and praiſe the bleſſed name of the God of heaven and earth, from henceforward and for evermore. *Amen, Amen.*"

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Hearken now unto my voice, ye deareſt men, and receive my warning, ſaith the Spirit of Prophecy; for I have great and mighty things to ſay and to write unto you.

Hearken, therefore, and liſten to my voice, ye children of Adam. I, I am he who tell you the truth, without flattery; therefore give ear unto me, for I will ſpeak unto you, and will declare the counſel of God unto you, his judgments and ſtatutes, his warning and admonition: wherefore beware of ſtrangers that ſeduce you in the world; and take heed of the *devil's ſerpents*, that ſeek craftily to enſnare you, and by their wiles to caſt you down. Thus ſaith the Spirit: Take heed, and ſuffer not yourſelves to be deceived

ceived by the *ſubtilty of the ſerpent*, for I have warned you all; therefore take an example by your *firſt mother Eve*, who bore the image of God, and yet was deceived by the devil's ſerpent, and was thereby bereaved of the image of God; for becauſe Eve did not abide in God, and his commands, behold, therefore, did that great and horrible ſerpent ſeduce her, and her whole poſterity after her, *becauſe they would not be taught of God, but of men-ſerpents.* Therefore did the devil, in the ſerpent, transform himſelf into an angel of light, and hid himſelf in the ſerpent, as if he had been in him the ſpirit of wiſdom; and on this wiſe he deceived Adam and Eve, the faireſt artful image of the divine majeſty itſelf.

Behold, dear men, why did not God immediately curſe the ſerpent, and make him dumb, as all other beaſts, before he had ſeduced Eve, for then he could not have deceived her? Or do you ſuppoſe the tricks of the ſerpent were hid from God? I tell you no; God knew it all *before-hand* how it would be; *but man was to be tried.* Therefore God created ſuch a *reaſon-wiſe ſerpent*, and let it walk *upright* on the earth, with the ſanctified children of God, in the Garden of Eden, that man ſhould thereby learn to know himſelf; for God knew man even before he created him.

Therefore God created the ſpiritual man with underſtanding, and all other beaſts irrational; that the *ſpiritual man* might daily draw his underſtanding from God, and return it into God again. But man turned his underſtanding from God, and made himſelf a ſervant to the creature, and took his delight in the creature; and the creature bereaved him of his underſtanding, and ſo he loſt the divine image in himſelf; *and the creature, without underſtanding, began thereupon to make a trial upon Adam and his poſterity.* Then the devil began to beſtir himſelf, ſeeking an opportunity how he might outright enter into Adam, that

out of him, who was an habitation of God, he might make an habitation of beaſts, and all unclean ſpirits; and found a *ſerpent*, whom he inſtructed to that purpoſe, that, by him, he might make to himſelf a way or entrance into man; and he ſucceeded in his deſign upon Adam and Eve by means of the ſerpent; wherefore he is alſo called the *Old Serpent*, which is the Devil, and Satan; who, to this very day, ſeduceth the whole habitable world by ſuch a *ſerpentine prieſthood*, and *Baal's ſervants*, whom he teaches for this purpoſe: for by theſe ſerpents he deceives mankind, by commanding them to obſerve other commandments and laws, contrary to the commandments and laws of God, which was the way of theſe *ſerpents* from the beginning.

And thus Adam and Eve departed in their hearts from the command of God, and obeyed the ſerpents, and their father the devil, who had made them learned.

Mind well, O dear men, the myſtery of *this ſhe-devil, the ſerpent*, who thus daily deceives you, and plants in you diſobedience unto God and his holy commands, and makes of you an habitation of the devil. Behold, are not all the erroneous *paſtors, prieſts*, and *ſcripture-learned*, in all ſects, nations, and people, this very ſhe-deceiver? Are they not, together with the devil, the landlords of the riches and treaſures of the world? Do they not take *gold* of thoſe lords, who, together with the evil ſpirits, do rule the world? Where are they that take care of your ſouls, who, for Chriſt's ſake, preach unto you for nothing, *from their love of God, and of thy poor ſoul?* But, out of love to their belly do thoſe preach; which they have choſen, together with the devil, for their god. Therefore it is that they are ſuch buſy bodies; and for the ſame reaſon they like well to be where they find *great and fat prebends, benefices, and confeſſion-pence*; all which *their purple cloak, and their hypocritical gliſtering ſerpent-ſkin* advances them to; ſo that they get honour

nour in the world, and become Curates of hell. Here they greatly buſy themſelves, and are not *Jeſus Chriſt*'s meſſengers, to take care of ſouls, as ſhepherds of his kingdom; but are lazy *ſheep-dogs*, that cannot bark againſt the wolf that comes to worry and devour the ſheep of Jeſus Chriſt; but only make a fair ſhew, as their fore-runners in the Old Teſtament, with their falſe, ſerpentine, gliſtering prophets-ſkin, which is the purple cloak and ſheep's cloathing ſhewn without, while the devil, the aſſaulting band-dog or maſtiff, and worrying wolf, lies hid within, who has brought ſo many thouſand ſheep of Jeſus Chriſt to the ſlaughter, and torn them to pieces with his teeth. You *ſhall eaſily diſcern and know them by their fruits*, their life and converſation, ſaith the Lord God. Then you will ſee, when you prove them aright by the word of God, that they have only put on the holy-ſeeming *ſerpent-ſkin*, with *the figure of the Lamb* outwardly; but their actions and ſpirit inwardly are of the *dragon*, who is the lord and king of all the ungodly in this world: for this was the very glittering ſkin of the old ſerpent, the appearing ſheeps cloathing of our modern ſcribes; for ſhe was juſt ſo full furniſhed with ornaments, framed and ſtudied diſcourſes, which ſhe had learned from her father the devil, and made uſe of to our firſt mother Eve, and followed her till he had deceived her with the forbidden fruit, which is the knowledge of good and evil.

Doſt thou not ſee now, dear man, with what the old ſerpent has deceived mankind? Is it not that very knowledge that the devil taught her, and which the ſerpentine prieſthood teach ever ſince unto men, the poſterity of Eve, the mother of all living? O the horrible wiles of the devil! who has ſo ſhamefully ſpoiled a living ſoul, who before was called by God himſelf the *mother of all living*, to become afterwards, *by the devil's means, the mother of all the dead.*

O, dear man! whatever thou doſt, forget not this dreadful example that is here ſet before thy eyes, and conſider well this ſerpent, and the properties ſhe hath. She is very crooked when ſhe creeps: obſerve, this is her ſubtilty, and her falſe heart, which ſhe makes uſe of towards thee, to teach thee *a falſe religion*, and draw thee aſide from the *ſimple, plain, heavenly way*, that ſo, by her perverſe knowledge, ſhe may lead thee to hell *in her crooked ways*. Pray unto God to give thee the ſtrong *ſtaff of Moſes*; that is, to ſend his *wiſdom* into thy heart, that it may ſanctify thee, and ſwallow up all the ſerpents in thee, that draw away thy heart from God; then thou wilt not be in danger of being outwardly deceived by them. Yet be not altogether ſecure, O man! whoever thou art; but try thyſelf, whether thou doſt not yet cleave unto theſe ſerpentine prieſts, and blindly truſt thy ſoul with them. Therefore take heed what thou doſt; truſt thy ſoul with none of them all, but try him according to the word of the Lord, in his life and actions. If he be not proud, not covetous, no drunkard, not contentious, not quarrelſome, not deſirous of honour; but gentle, merciful, meek, patient, and a true follower of Jeſus Chriſt in all things; then firſt beg of God with prayer and ſupplication, day and night, without ceaſing, whether thou mayeſt truſt thy immortal ſoul with a mortal man, or no. And if ſo be thy inquiring of God has been in good earneſt, thou ſhalt receive this anſwer from him: I myſelf will take care of thy ſoul, and teach thee inwardly, by my Spirit; and thou ſhalt not truſt thy ſoul with any mortal man, and much leſs with an *ungodly prieſt*, who himſelf is *taught by the devil*. This is written for a warning and trial to every one that deſires to be faithful to God: for the time of his judgment is come, in which God will judge all that have ſinned againſt him. If thou wilt take warning, and avoid all occaſion of

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ſinning, and become a new creature before God, thou ſhalt eſcape the judgment, and obtain grace, and finally be redeemed from all evil. *Amen.*

O repent, repent all of you, that are called by the name of Chriſtians, for an heavy judgment is kindled againſt you by the wrath of God! for if you do not turn to God with all your hearts, the Lord will exert great wrath againſt you, and deal with you as with the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha; for you are already by God condemned to the fire and ſword, to the famine and peſtilence. O be converted, be converted! ſaith the Spirit; for this I declare to you, becauſe God bids me, and it is his command that I ſhall declare the truth and his judgments unto you. Give ear, therefore, and awake, all ye that ſleep ſo faſt in ſin. Do you not hear the voice of the thunder-trumpet, which I ſound in your ears with all my might? But if you will not hear the ſound of the trumpet, then incline your ears, and hear the *great repentance-bell*, which I will toll for you before you die.

Therefore awake from your horrible ſins, change yourſelves, and be converted. O amend yourſelves! for God is in good earneſt, to have you change your minds from your wicked works, and from the great evils which you have committed before the Lord from your youth up, ſince the beginning of Chriſtianity. For God has already complained grievouſly of thee, O *Chriſtendom!* in the Old Teſtament, by all his ſervants the prophets, when he revealed to them thy abominable wickedneſs; which they ſaw afar off to be ſo abominable, that it made them call unto thee as from far, by the prophetical word and examples which they have left behind them: and they have faithfully warned thee, but thou haſt not followed them, nor taken warnin from them, though God has laid many example before thee for thy warning, and ſo ſeverely puniſhed

niſhed the hardened Jews and others, for an example to thee; but yet thou haſt remained to this day wicked, and committed much greater wickedneſs than thy hardened ſiſter Judah.

Therefore alſo is the judgment and ſentence of thy ſiſter Judah come nigh unto thee, O heathen! even the ſame that fell upon her; and it is juſt at the door, and thou ſhalt now be ſeverely puniſhed for thy *adultery*, becauſe thou wouldeſt not be warned by thy *ſiſter's example*. For God puniſhed her for their *adultery*, and for their *ſpiritual whoredom*; becauſe they brake their marriage with God, and the covenant of faith, which God had made and eſtabliſhed with their fathers. For God, in the beginning, took *the Jewiſh people* in marriage, as his ſpiritual wife, who ſhould bear unto him ſpiritual children, in the kingdom of Sion, till her time was fulfilled, that the Jewiſh church would no longer bring forth children unto God in his ſpiritual kingdom, but grew wicked againſt God, and went a whoring after the idols, and was with child by them in the bed of whores, and brought forth children in the kingdom of the devil. Now when God ſaw that ſhe did play the whore, and would no more conceive the pure ſeed of his Word, which he, as her true huſband, had ſown in her, nor would ſhe fructify thereby, and bring forth ſpiritual children in the kingdom of God, he delivered her up to a ſevere judgment, and rejected *that adultereſs Judah*, and choſe thee, O heathen! in her place, and took thee in marriage for his Son; but becauſe ye do now the very ſame thing which the *whoriſh and hardened Jews did*, in whoſe ſtead God had choſen the heathen for a church, he has now poured out for thee *thy ſiſter's cup*, to wit, her heavy judgment to the full. And the ſame, O heathen! ſhalt thou now drink off, as deep and wide as it is, even *as thy ſiſter Judah* has drunk it, till thou art wholly deſtroyed and

and periſhed from the earth. Yea, thou ſhalt ſuffer double to what the Jews did; for they had not thee for a warning, but thou, heathen! haſt had her for thy *warning*, and ſeen her puniſhment, and yet haſt not amended thyſelf. Therefore the floods do haſten that ſhall be the rods, wherewith thou ſhalt be beaten till thou bleed to death. Yea, *Amen*.

When God, in the beginning, took you *Gentiles* in marriage for his Son Jeſus Chriſt, before you were found wicked, then were you acceptable to God, and he gave you his Son in wedlock, for thou waſt merciful and liberal to the neceſſitous members of thy huſband. When they had no place of abode, thou didſt harbour them, as the children of Jeſus, which thou haſt brought forth to thy huſband. If they were thirſty, thou gaveſt them drink, both for body and ſoul; for thou wert then upright, perfect, or without blemiſh, as a pure *virgin*, and hadſt *godly biſhops* amongſt thee, by whom thou didſt give drink to thy children, till they were grown up, and come to be men in Chriſt.

Thou hadſt then *fair breaſts*, that flowed with milk and honey, and *goodly biſhops* at thy ſpiritual breaſts, who were very pious ſhepherds and teachers, by whom thou gaveſt drink unto thy children, which thy huſband Jeſus had begotten with thee, and they ſucked milk and honey out of the fulneſs of thy love. And at that time thou didſt follow God, and waſt ſubject and obedient to thy huſband Chriſt, as a virtuous wife is to her huſband, when ſhe loves him. And thy covenant, O heathen! was then eſtabliſhed with God, as a covenant betwixt two married people, who promiſe love and faith unto each other for ever, and do moſt intimately love each other. And then thou broughteſt forth unto God many *right-ſpiritual children* for a long time, even as long as thou didſt continue pure from thy great whoredoms with the kingdoms of the earth. For thou didſt as yet cohabit

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with thy huſband Chriſt, in the pure, undefiled, ſpiritual marriage-bed, and were both covered with pure love, and thou waſt *a dear daughter of God, and a chaſte bride in thy youth,* ſaith the Spirit of Prophecy.

But when thou beganſt *to wax great,* to grow up, and to ſpread thyſelf far abroad into great nations, and gotteſt great waters, and waſt watered as a garden of God, and ſtretchedſt out thy arms over the iſles of the *Gentiles,* and extendedſt thy power into large countries; then thou beganſt to have an *evil eye* towards thy true huſband, and deſpiſedſt him, and cleavedſt unto ſtrangers, to wit, unto great Popes, Emperors, and to many kingdoms of the heathens, and becameſt wholly eſtranged from Jeſus, thy true huſband, and beganſt to be *altogether carnal,* and *committedſt abominable adultery* with thoſe ſtrange lovers and idolaters. For thou forſookeſt thy God as a harlot, and didſt run away from Chriſt, as a wife that goes a whoring from her huſband, even as *Judah, thy eldeſt ſiſter,* did before thee, and thou didſt make a *Baal* of thy huſband, changing his inviſible form into an *idol-image.* Yea, thou didſt take a block and a ſtone, and out of it didſt carve all manner of images to thyſelf: thou didſt kneel down before them, in a zealous devotion, as *thy ſiſter* did before the *calves,* and ſo didſt make wood and ſtones a god, which yet is no god, but a block and a ſtone, and is made by men. For thou haſt deſpiſed my mean appearance, and I am become too low for thee in my poor ſtate, becauſe I would not be great with thee in the world, which lies in the wicked one, which pleaſed thee better, in her pomp and ſhow, than my poor life. Therefore thou haſt choſen *the great and mighty ones of this world* for thy huſbands; but thou haſt deſpiſed me, and forſaken the everlaſting covenant with me, and committeſt now abominable adultery with all the kingdoms of the whole earth. Thou art not only a great and *ſtately prieſt-whore,* but alſo a *common whore*

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to all men, and filleſt all countries with thy *baſtard*-children, which thou haſt had by thy fleſhly huſbands, through thy whoredoms, in thy defiled, common, pompous *church-beds*. Yea, all the iſles of the heathens are full of thy whoredoms, and the report of thy great *laſciviouſneſs* is gone forth to the end of the world, ſo very abominably is thy great whoredom laid open.

RESTORATION OF THE JEWS.

I TELL thee that thy elder ſiſter, the *Jewiſh nation*, never lived ſo abominably upon earth, nor never behaved herſelf ſo wickedly as thou doſt at this preſent. And yet ſhe rejected the name *Jehovah*, though ſhe was called by him his *prieſtly kingdom*, and his *everlaſting inheritance* upon earth. But becauſe they were ſo ſecure, and ſo carnal before me, I caſt them out from my earth, *till the time of their converſion*, when the *fullneſs of the Gentiles ſhall be fulfilled;* and then I will again have compaſſion on my firſt people, and give them the promiſed inheritance.

But now the Lord ſpeaks of you, *Gentiles*, and ſaith, I took them and placed them in the room and ſtead of my people Iſrael, but they are become very carnal and ungodly, and behave themſelves worſe than ever my people Iſrael did. And though I have divorced my firſt wife Iſrael, becauſe of her adultery, for an example to other women and churches; yet hath not my other church, the hardened Heathen Woman, whom I gave to my beloved Son for a wife, in the leaſt humbled herſelf, or one jot endeavoured her own amendment, though ſhe has the fall of *her firſt ſiſter*, the *Jews*, daily before her eyes, and knows how ſeverely God hath puniſhed them for their adultery, becauſe they brake their marriage-covenant with God, ſo that they are to this day a curſe and a laughing-ſtock to all nations under the whole heavens: for although they had my *outward temple*, and my

preached word dwelt among them, according to the law; yet, notwithſtanding, all they did was an abomination to me, whilſt they eſteemed the grandeur, pleaſure, and honour of the world more than me and my law, which I had given them: for they ſlew my true witneſſes and prophets, whom I had ſent to them for their good; therefore in great numbers have I rejected them as filth, and avenged the blood of my ſervants upon them. Behold thus did I deal with my people the *Jews*, whom *thou, Gentile*, oughteſt to take for an example, and humble thyſelf before me; but becauſe thou wilt not take warning by all theſe things, nor change thy mind, and turn thyſelf unto me, therefore give ear to *thy ſentence*. Thou impenitent and adulterous wife; thou arch-whore, beyond all women upon earth; thou haſt not rejected men, but me thy God; therefore I will deal with thee as I have dealt with thy ſiſters Judah and Iſrael, and will again reject thee, as thou haſt rejected me, ſaith the Lord God.

CONVERSION OF THE TURKS.

And I will receive other *Gentiles* in thy ſtead; to wit, the *Turks*, and all *Heathens*; they ſhall love me, and be glad that I will receive them, and that they ſhall be my church; and I will give them unto my Son in marriage inſtead of thee, and they ſhall be a beloved *Bride* to me for *my Son*, and ſhall become my beloved Daughter. But then alſo will I heal thee, after I have puniſhed thy diſobedience; and then I will at laſt receive thee again, and thou ſhalt be to me a beloved daughter, and a holy church, *at the end of time*, and by thee will I cauſe the *end of the world*.

"For I will at preſent ſend, to my people the *Turks*, *Joſeph*; he ſhall bring the *Turks*, and all Heathens, to be a Bride unto my Son: but unto thee will I ſend my *Benjamin*, and he ſhall be the end in my world,

world, and his ſun ſhall ariſe unto thee in the *Weſt*, and ſhall there go down again; for then I will cauſe it to be night, and there ſhall come an ungodly darkneſs, and thy time, O thou Gentile! ſhall come to an end with terror. And I will ariſe in Iſrael, when it is day-light, and will receive her as my choſen royal-prieſthood, and ſpiritual heritage, and they ſhall poſſeſs the whole earth as an inheritance. *Amen;* yea, *Amen.*"

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The Lord God cauſes thee once more to be called upon and warned; therefore obſerve well *the ſigns of the preſent times*, which he has repreſented to thee, as a warning and example, *by the creature void of underſtanding*. Aſk now the creature, and it will anſwer thee; aſk it wherefore God ſuffered *ſo many trees* in the *fields* and *gardens*, in *meadows*, and on the *highways*, to be *frozen* to death, and they will moſt certainly tell thee, and anſwer, It was for *an example unto you Chriſtians* that the Lord hath thus deſtroyed us with his hard and ſharp winter, that we from henceforth might be your preachers to call you to repentance; but if you will not hear us, nor be warned by our example, but will reject our call to repentance, which we daily declare before your eyes and ears, then will God cauſe ſuch another cold winter, of many and dreadful wrath-judgments from the *Eaſt* and the *North*, from the *Weſt* and the *South*, to come upon you, which will blow with much more violence from thoſe four tempeſtuous winds behind you, than did thoſe blaſts that made us to become an example to you. And this ſhall come upon you for the ſake of your great wickedneſs, which you have ſo boldly and maliciouſly exerted *againſt God's elect*, and do yet daily practiſe the ſame towards *the good, and the children of God*; for you act great wickedneſs upon earth, and do plague the *meek*, and afflict the *peaceable*, that are begotten and born within thyſelf, unto the Lord. And thou haſt killed them before they were become

perfect in the new birth, and ſo art a blood-ſhedder and murderer of thy own children, for with thy ſword were they ſlain; and thou haſt behaved thyſelf more wickedly than ever the Jews did. This is now before the Moſt High in writing, as a note of remembrance; and he remembers thy violence, and thy great iniquities, and will now ſuddenly caſt thee out of his ſight.

Obſerve it, O ye children of men! he has warned you enough hitherto, and warns you ſtill, every day; but you reject all his living teſtimonies. The children of God, that give thee good counſel, you revile, and deal cruelly with them; for ye whip them, and chaſe them from country and people, and have hitherto dealt very unmercifully with them: nor do you regard any of God's warnings any more, though he has oft and many times warned thee by *earthly* and *heavenly ſigns*, that he has ſent unto thee. But if thou aſkeſt where, or when? I ſhall tell thee; to wit, when God faſtened that great comet-ſign, in the year 1680, as a great beſom, and bound rod, in the window of heaven for a warning to thee; for God threatened thee by it, as a father is uſed to threaten his naughty children with a ſtick or a rod before he ſtrikes with it. Thus God ſhewed you, wicked children, his great rod in the heavens long before; but thou wouldeſt not amend thy ways, but art hitherto grown worſe and worſe, and art at preſent horridly ſecure, and hardened in thy wickedneſs; therefore ſhalt thou now be ſeverely puniſhed with his beſom.

Moreover, hear the voice of my lamentation and admonition, concerning *the ſigns of theſe times*. A few years ago God ſhewed thee a *great darkneſs of the ſun*, when the ſun, forewarning you, put on a large *mourning ſackcloth*, ſo that the darkneſs was extraordinary great all over *Chriſtendom, the day after the ſpiritual aſcenſion of Jeſus Chriſt*. This ſun was, for a figure to thee, quite covered, ſo that in many places it could be ſeen no more: and this alſo God has ſhewed thee for *a warning*, but ye remain ſtill very unthankful to God,

God, as before, and will not yet be thankful to him from your hearts for his ſun, which is the goſpel grace-light.

Therefore hear now what the Holy Ghoſt ſaith to you, concerning the ſpiritual Aſcenſion of this time. "God will call unto him his Son JOSEPH, a Nazarene ſprout, *out of Babel:* the ſame ſhall ſhoot up in great power towards the *Eaſt*, even into the very paradiſe of the ſpiritual heaven; and this branch ſhall be ſnatched up from out of the midſt of thee into the throne of God, which ſhall be ſhewn among the children of men upon the new heavenly earth. After this ſpiritual aſcenſion, God ſhall ſend thee a great ſpiritual ſun-darkneſs, or eclipſe, throughout the whole Roman Empire, that thou ſhalt run from city to city, and from ſea to ſea, to ſeek thy goſpel-ſun, and ſhalt not find it."

This has the Lord revealed to me, concerning *the darkneſs of the ſun*, with regard to thee, O heathen! who calleſt thyſelf *Chriſtian*, and it is written for thy warning; for I ſay unto thee, that in the day *of this great darkneſs* the Lord will lay hold of his comet-rod, which he ſhewed thee long ago in the window, and he will ſhut his eyes upon you, and will ſtrike thee in his fury, that thou ſhalt feel it with a witneſs. And though thou ſhouldſt in that day cry unto God, yet *he will not hear thee;* for he will ſhut up his heaven with ſeven iron gates, and ſeven locks, and beſides ſtop his ears, that no prayer on your behalf ſhall within three years and a half have admittance to him; but he ſhall reject you with all your prayers, if you refuſe to hear him now, whilſt he calls upon you. Therefore to-day take it to heart; for to-day, whilſt he yet calls upon you, and that the door of his grace ſtands open, if that you will hear his voice, and receive it, your hearts ſhall not be hardened; but if you will not take it to heart, and put off to-day

* The time of the killing of the witneſſes.

to-day till to-morrow, and the day after, and ſo from one day to another, then ſhall you find that you ſhall be ſhut out, and the judgment of God will overtake you temporally, and eternally in the torments of hell. *Amen.*

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AN Epiſtle to Sion, that ſhall incline to the Lord in time, from out of all *Chriſtendom.* God has required of me to write it to you. Thou muſt abſolutely forſake the Whore, and go along with the Virgins: therefore cleanſe thy heart from all hypocriſy; forſake the luſt, the honour, and the pomp of the world, for, believe me, it is fulfilled; your judgment is at the door, very nigh, believe me.

"*One Thing is needful.*"

OH let the ever-burning, and always flaming, yea, the unutterable love of God, enkindle thee, O thou elect and redeemed! by the moſt ineſtimable jewel of the precious blood of our *Emanuel*, highly conſecrated, royal-prieſtly, peculiar generation of God, choſen out of all people, languages, tongues, and generations of the whole earth, ſet apart and choſen for an everlaſting propriety of the moſt highly exalted, moſt glorious, and moſt excellent Imperial and Royal Majeſty of heaven and earth, of cherubim and ſeraphim, of angels and men, and all royal languages and generations, moſt highly honourable, the alone mighty, praiſe-worthy, majeſtic, merciful, and yet withal moſt terrible, a very great Lord of the hoſts in heaven and on earth! that ſo many millions

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of angelic men and ſpirits ſtand before, O thou moſt higheſt, adorable Majeſty! and wait for thy command, being always ready to ſerve thee. Thy form is burning and flaming, and more ſwift than the wind, and more beautiful than any earthly creature. Thy image ſhineth in and through them, as through a cryſtalline and tranſparent glaſs temple. When thou beholdeſt them, thou ſeeſt thyſelf; for they are thine own likeneſs, and thou haſt ſaid, I will dwell in them, as in a temple; and they dwell in thee, O thou moſt lovely being of the Father, as in a temple. Thou beholdeſt thyſelf in them as in a looking-glaſs, and reneweſt thy image in thy creature, and glorifieſt them in the higheſt perfection. They behold themſelves in thee, as in a looking-glaſs, face to face, and praiſe thy beauty; for thy form is beautiful, and thy greatneſs unutterable.

O how lovely, beautiful, and comely, ſays my ſoul, is my God unto me, whom I love above all things; for he has cloathed himſelf with us, as an adorned bride. I am his propriety, and he is mine; his love is my love, his joy is my joy, his riches are my riches, his glory my glory, his honour my honour, his peace my peace, and all that he has is mine, and I am his; in a word, I live in God, I walk in God, and God lives and walks in me, and he has cloathed me with his attire, his ornament is faith and righteouſneſs. I am eſpouſed to the Son of the right-hand on high; his name is *Jeſus*, *Immanuel*, to whom I am, from henceforth, given and eſpouſed by God, as a well-decked bride, in his own ſilk attire.

Therefore I rejoice, and do praiſe, without ceaſing, the grandeur and beauty which my beloved has purchaſed for me. He is my bridegroom, ſaith my ſoul; therefore am I his, and he is mine, for I love him always from my heart. And I have received from him a pure, royal, and prieſtly attire; and he has given me, into my hand, a fat olive-branch, and

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he ſets the helmet of judgment upon my head, and girds the piercing ſword of the Spirit upon my thigh, and has eſtabliſhed his everlaſting prieſts in his holy habitation, which is altogether divine and celeſtial, upon this new earth, to reign with him, and ſerve him daily in his living temple, with pure hearts. For I will now ſoon, very ſoon, praiſe God's holineſs, with all holy angelical ones, and in entire purity of heart, behold the face of God.

O happy, happy, happy are they, who in this reſpect entertain communion in God, with the holy angel-like children of God, for we ſhall behold God with pure hearts; and then we ſhall mount up out of the ſixth communion of all the holy and operative ſpirits of God, as young eagles, and be kindled by the ſun of righteouſneſs, who will ſoon remove us into the ſeventh and higheſt degree of the purified ones, before the moſt high Potentate; and we ſhall ſerve him as a prieſtly, royal peculiar, day and night, in the living temple of his moſt holy habitation, and ſit with him upon high thrones, next the Lamb of God, in the ſixth fellowſhip of all the ſaints of God, and be promoted into the ſeventh and higheſt part of all the divine perfections. Yea, *Amen.*

This is now the ſupreme and moſt perfect degree of the higheſt purification; for in the ſeventh degree the ſeven-fold power of the ſeven operative Spirits of God doth reſt, which are planted as ſeven burning candles round about the throne of the heart of God, and do inwardly enlighten the whole new man and the heart, ſo that it becomes altogether light, whereas before it was dark; and this happens in the leſs and great, in the groſs or material, or pure world: for as theſe ſeven burning torches of the Spirits of God make a heart light, where they burn round about it as ſhining and bright torches, thus alſo ſhall the whole outward habitable groſs world be enlightened by them, and they ſhall every where diffuſe themſelves from

from the beginning of the ſixth into the ſeventh and laſt part or degree; for the ſpirit of *the knowledge and fear of the Lord* ſhall prevail by the Divine Power, ſo that he ſhall overflow all lands as a great running water, and as a ſea cover the whole earth. Then ſhall *the ſeven Spirits of God* at once caſt out *the ſeven ſpirits of error*, and finally make a total end of them in the ſeventh part; and they ſhall decreaſe from henceforth, and be deprived of all power, and the good *ſpirits* ſhall greatly increaſe, and draw all power to themſelves, throughout the whole earth, even as in heaven. This is the bleſſing of the Lord over the people of his inheritance, which he hath created for his glory. *Amen;* yea, *Amen.*

Concerning the BODY *of* JESUS, *and all the* MEMBERS *thereof, ſaith the Spirit of Prophecy.*

HEARKEN, ye dearly beloved ſouls in Jeſus! We are all one body and one ſoul, in Chriſt our head; therefore every child of God is a member in the body of Chriſt. Now as the body is formed and made up of many members, and is joined together and furniſhed with them, ſo likewiſe all the elect ſtand in ſuch beautiful order in Chriſt the head, each member in it's place. The loweſt ſays not to the higheſt and moſt beautiful in the body of Jeſus, I am meaner than thou; nor does the higheſt and moſt beautiful ſay, I am more glorious than thou; but they are content each in his place; and whatever is conſulted in the head, and pronounced by the mouth, as the gate of judgment, by the ſuperior government, for a command to the members of the body,

which they are to execute, the ſame the members of the body do perform, neither are they lazy, nor ſlow in it, but every one in his place does what he is commanded. Now when a command comes from the ſuperior government to the feet, and ſays, Go, they go; if it ſays to the hands, Work, they work; if to the eyes, See, they ſee; if to the ears, Hear, they hear; if to the ſenſes of the heart, which are it's counſellors, Conſider, they conſider the matter; if it lays a heavy burden upon the body, ſhe bears it patiently. Thus every member, in it's ſtation, acts according to it's utmoſt power, and none of them are diſobedient to the higher government, nor in any thing gainſay the wiſe counſellor, but are all of them obedient to the head, and do ſubmit themſelves to the higher power in all things, and do whatſoever the ſupreme judge and counſellor, (by the mouth of the inward judgment-gate in the heart) doth pronounce.

And although the burden impoſed ſhould ſeem too grievous for the members, ſo that ſome of the members did ſuffer very much under the ſaid burden, yea, were even mortally hurt by it, yet will not the member that ſo ſuffers ſay to the other, Why do I ſuffer, and you not? I am mortally wounded, and you not: I have the burden alone, and you help me not to bear it. No, they ſpeak not on this wiſe; but every member will ſay in it's place, Let me bear the burden; I will bear it, ſeeing thou canſt bear it no more. And ſo ſeeing the whole body is ſubject to the burden, and all the limbs and members are therewith preſſed, from the head to the very ſoles of the feet, and that every member bears his part of the burden, they are the more ready to lend a helping hand to, and aſſiſt each other, eſpecially ſeeing the whole body feels the pain when one member is wounded; therefore alſo they have the greater love and patience towards and with one another; they dreſs each other's wounds, they phyſic one another,

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they take care of one another, they love one another, they weep one with another, they rejoice together, they refreſh one another, they comfort each other, and every member does his utmoſt to ſerve the other with his gifts that he has received; the head bethinks itſelf of medicines and remedies; the heart is full of compaſſion, and inclines thereunto; the mouth declares the medicines appointed; the eyes view the wound; the hands lay hold on it, and dreſs it: thus every member ſerves the other with the gifts it has received, to be helpful in it's place.

Dear children, I intreat and exhort you, by the compaſſionate love of Jeſus, of whom you make your boaſt, that he is your head, that ye alſo be like-minded, if you would be living members of the compaſſionate body of Jeſus. Behold, deareſt children, Jeſus is a compaſſionate living head: do you boaſt now that you are regenerated and made alive in him? then ſhew forth that living and compaſſionate love of Jeſus, by a real exerting and practiſing of it towards your fellow members. Jeſus is the governing head of love: if ye be then the living members of his body, and obedient ſubjects, ſhew it in deed and in truth, as an humble body to your head of love.

Deareſt children, and members of the living body of Jeſus, let it not be ſaid of you that the body of Jeſus has *impure members* in it, that are in the leaſt covetous, or boaſters, or deſpiſers, unmerciful, unholy, churliſh, hateful, without love; for know this, that your good head, Jeſus, was not ſuch a one as hated ſome members, and deſpiſed others that were about him, but was always compaſſionate, humble, merciful, holy, friendly, kind, and full of love. If, then, thou art a true member of the liberal Jeſus, then behave thyſelf as a *very liberal* member of the *liberal love of Jeſus Chriſt.* Haſt thou money and goods in this world, and thy brother or ſiſter, that is

in want, has nothing to ſatisfy his neceſſities, and ſuffers want, and thou letteſt him remain in want nigh thee, and doſt not relieve him, thou doſt not ſhew thyſelf to be *a living member of the liberal head of Jeſus;* but thou ſeparateſt thyſelf by thy covetouſneſs, as *a dead member*, from the liberal and kind head of the body, and of the true members of Jeſus, and art fallen under the judgment of God. But do you think, dear children, that are thus minded, that you can be, while you continue ſo, true members in the holy body of Jeſus Chriſt? Conſider, friends, the body and the members of Chriſt are wholly pure from all defilement of the fleſh and of the ſpirit, and are without blemiſh, nor is there any ſpot in the holy body of Jeſus. Would you now be members of that holy body, (which body are the children of God) and remain without good works? It is impoſſible you, with your great hoards of gold, can be members of this compaſſionate body of Jeſus! Behold, is not Chriſt a vine of the living juice? How can it be otherwiſe, but that the juice of the Spirit of God muſt flow forth from him into the branches, which are the members of his body? And muſt not the branches, his members, bring forth fruit and grapes by the continual influence of that ſap, unleſs they be dead, and not living branches of the vine? but if the branches be dead, and bring forth no fruit in the vine, they are cut off, and caſt into the fire. Whoever, then, boaſts of his being a living branch in that heavenly vine, let him bring forth fruit; but if otherwiſe, the Lord will now cut him off, with the ſharp ſickles of his wrath, from the living vine, and he ſhall be trodden down, with his unripe and dead fruit, in the wine-preſs of God's anger for ever.

Behold, now, my beloved brethren and friends, we profeſs *Chriſt* to be *our head*, and boaſt of our being *members of his body, bone of his bone, and fleſh of his*

his fleſh; if then we be *the body*, and the *holy church of Jeſus* in him, and if he be *our head*, then let us be like-minded with *him*, that we may have a *fellow-feeling of each other's neceſſities;* even as the members of our body do preſently feel when one is hurt, and ſuffers, and the ſound member immediately finds itſelf obliged to ſerve the ſuffering member with the gifts which it has; ſo alſo ye, who glory in being members of the body of Jeſus, ſhew it to your fellow-members, and take their neceſſities to heart. Be not ſuch ſlothful and dead members in your head, as are without a due fellow-feeling; but ſhew yourſelves really as *ſenſible* and *living* members of *Jeſus Chriſt*, that are touched with the neceſſities of their brethren and ſiſters.

Look unto *Chriſt your head:* did not he feel our *neceſſities* in heaven, when we, in the earthly paradiſe, received the mortal wound of ſin by the old ſerpent? Did not Chriſt, the ſupreme governor, and wiſdom in the great head, who is God over all, *feel our hearts*, as being the members of his body, when he was *forced out of the paradiſe of our hearts;* which, before the fall, were filled with mere heavenly life-powers, in which Chriſt dwelt, as in a well-built, beautiful, and new Jeruſalem, called God's City of Peace, in which was nothing to be found but love, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghoſt, as indeed it then repreſented the whole heavenly *paradiſe upon earth, with the tree of life, Chriſt in us*, who plentifully brought forth the fruits of righteouſneſs in us; for then *our heart* was yet a *good, well-cultivated*, and *fruitful land*, which brought forth an hundred fold more fruits of righteouſneſs, by a continual efflux *in one ſoul*, than is now brought forth in multitudes of many men, till they come to be tranſplanted again by Chriſt into the *paradiſical ſtate*, and that God opens again in them the four *ſtreams* of life; *the firſt whereof is the ſtrong voice of the living word of God*, which muſt flow from God into

into us, as a living ſtream. *The ſecond ſtream is the ſnow-white purity of God*, which waters and compaſſes the heart and ſoul, through the Holy Spirit. *The third ſtream is the overflowing love of God*, which abundantly pours forth itſelf through the midſt of the garden of our heart, and waters it plentifully throughout. *The fourth ſtream is the eternal wiſdom;* which, as the ſtrong victorious river, diffuſeth itſelf every where in us, and ſhall fill us through and through with everlaſting outflowings of divine and heavenly wiſdom. This was in us from the beginning, before the world was, and by it we were created; for it was the *counſel of God in us*, and ſhall be ſo again *in us*, when the paradiſe is, *by Chriſt*, opened again *in our hearts*. Thus was *man*, in the *creation*, a ſtrong *emanation of God, a living ſoul*, and a channel of *four living emanations of the Lord, in all creatures*, which God had created, in the great part of the four elements upon the whole earth, for the uſe of man, and to the honour of his great majeſty. And thoſe ſeven ſpirits of the wiſdom of God dwelt with all their operative powers *in us*, being laid in us as a *quickening foundation*, upon which we were to be built up for ever, and Chriſt was choſen by God from eternity, *to be a head and bridegroom* of the heavenly ſoul.

Behold, then, my beloved friends, thus was Chriſt, our head, the king of peace, forced, by our diſobedience, to forſake *our heart and ſoul*, that well-built city, that New Jeruſalem, that beautiful Paradiſe of God, when his bride Adam ſlept that long ſleep of diſobedience, and great ſin againſt God, *through twice forty, till in the 35th*, I, Ir. until now, in the evening of the world. And this Adam is even till now *accounted among the ravenous and brutiſh beaſts:* for when Chriſt forſook his habitation in Adam, and departed from him, then came the devil, and took up his dwelling in him, and began to plant

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in the paradifical garden of our hearts his *deviliſh ſeed*, weeds, evil thoughts, contrary will, pride, ſhameful covetouſneſs, ſlander, hatred, envy, and all manner of wickedneſs; and caſt up in us *ſeven great hills*, through *the ſeven ſpirits of error*, and theſe built in us afterwards an abominable and wicked proud tower of Babel, to fight againſt and oppoſe God's kingdom. Then began the devil, the old ſerpent, our cruel enemy, to dwell, reign, and rule in us, as in the city of Babylon, the place of his reſidence, which he had built and eſtabliſhed with the *ſeven head powers of error*, firſt in us, the leſſer world, and afterwards in the whole great world, in which he now glorieth, and ſaith, by his wicked *inhabitants*, who reign with him in both worlds, *This is that great Babel that I have built in men, for a royal ſeat and dwelling-place for the devil, by my great power in this world, for the honour of my glory.*

Now when the devil had gained ſuch a great in-dwelling power over men, he began to ſubvert our good intentions and deſires, even our whole heart inwardly and outwardly, *where before the ſeven good ſpirits had dwelt; as the Spirit of the Lord, the ſpirit of wiſdom and underſtanding, the ſpirit of counſel and ſtrength, the ſpirit of knowledge, and of the fear of the Lord, upon the inward good mountains of the mind*, which were full of the fruits of good *thoughts*, which were daily a ſweet ſavour unto God, as the ſacrifice of Noah; but afterwards, when we were inhabited by *ſeven ſpirits of error*, we became a ſtench in the noſtrils of God. Moreover, whilſt now, inſtead of good thoughts, there aroſe evil thoughts in us, as an abominable ſmoke out of the *bottomleſs pit* againſt God, which became unto us as a ſavour of death. By this means ſin and death grew up to a great height in men, ſo that the good came to be wholly choaked and ſlain in men by the evil, except only a very little ſpark.

Conſider now, good people, that things being come

come to this paſs, Chriſt and the devil-Belial could not dwell together in one city, kingdom, room, and heart; but that Chriſt muſt needs depart, becauſe the devil had ſo ſtrongly poſſeſſed himſelf of thy heart, the city of God, and was forced to remove out of thy heart, as out of his Jeruſalem, as David was fain to flee before his ſon Abſalom: yea, he was cruelly perſecuted and reviled by thee, as David by Shimei, and by thy deviliſh thoughts and horrible wickedneſs, was oft called a *man of blood*, till thy converſion.

Now when thou returneſt, with thy whole heart, and humbleſt thyſelf before God, then Chriſt returns again into thee, and wooes thy ſoul, as a bride that has forſaken him, and is very much deſpiſed of every one. Then muſt thy ſoul, full of bitterneſs, become a Mary, in whom Chriſt may be anew conceived by the Holy Ghoſt, through the word of life; and thus thy ſoul, of a *whoriſh bride of the devil*, will be made a *virgin-bride of God and Jeſus Chriſt*. To which, I pray that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghoſt, may help thee.

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Concerning the Publication of theſe Things.

N. B. When I had begun to deſcribe the myſtery of God, concerning the judgments upon Babylon, and the redemption of Sion, a ſudden ſleep fell upon me; and as I was ſlumbering, I ſaw in a viſion, that I had a pen in my hand, and wrote the great and dreadful judgments of God: and as ſoon as I had written a word, there iſſued forth from every word that I wrote *a great and frightful fire*, and gave a *crack as of thunder*, ſo that I was continually affrighted at it; for fire and flame was kindled from every word I wrote. At the beholding of this, I awaked with great terror, and inquired of the Lord,

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and ſaid to him, "O Lord God, Father, thou Eternal and Almighty God, what may the meaning of this be?" Then the Lord ſaid unto me: "I will in my jealouſy kindle a fire and flames throughout my World among the nations, which ſhall greatly affright and aſtoniſh them all that ſhall but hear and read of my judgments, which I will now bring upon all nations, ſaith the Lord God."

And when I had finiſhed this work, and laid it aſide, I came into a great conflict in myſelf, by reaſon of a certain propoſal, and an objection made againſt it; and I made my earneſt requeſt to the Lord, "Wherefore he commanded ſuch propoſal to be made, whether he was minded to hinder his own work and word in me?" And moreover ſaid, "O Lord, thou knoweſt that I have wrote nothing from a ſtrange light or fire! thou ſurely gaveſt it me thus, and commandedſt me to write it; but if there ſhould be aught written contrary to my knowledge, which is not thy own word and work in me, I will gladly be better informed by thee, and put away whatſoever is not of thee." Then the Lord called earneſtly to me, and ſaid, "I have not commanded that any one ſhould hinder me in that which I have commanded thee." And ſaid further to me, "If thou wilt not remain ſtedfaſt in the word, wherewith I have intruſted thee, then will I give thee up, with the ungodly, into the hands of the deſtroyer; and inſtead of the bleſſing which I have promiſed thee, thou ſhalt inherit the curſe that is written in this book. Therefore be thou ſtedfaſt before me, as a man; and ſtrengthen all thy brethren and friends, amongſt whom thou art, and eſpecially thoſe that labour in my work, and that forward it, and ſay unto them, Be not afraid, nor ſuffer yourſelves to be moved by men; neither ſuffer ſtrange thoughts to divert you from my ſervice. Be ſtrong in me, and confirm your

hearts by the ſufferings and death of my Son Jeſus Chriſt; then will I be your God, and your great reward, from henceforth and for ever. *And whoever ſhall go about to hinder thee in this matter, and to diſſuade thee from it, ſay unto him,* The Lord has commanded me to write this work, and the Lord by me ſays unto thee, Hinder me not in my work; for it is my fiery law and word, which I have ſent unto the world for a warning to them, before I come to ſmite the world with the curſe; for I will lay it waſte, and deſtroy the ungodly; and I will give unto my people the inheritance I have promiſed them, and which I ſware unto Abraham, Iſaac, and Jacob, ſaith the Lord God."

And I laid it again before the Lord with prayer and ſupplication, and aſked, How I ſhould behave myſelf, when for the future I ſhould be tempted by men? And further ſaid to him, "O Lord, they will not believe me in what I have written and ſpoken to them from thy mouth, and I ſhall meet with great temptation and oppoſition, from many men and ſpirits, by reaſon of thy word." And the Lord called unto me again with theſe words: "Fear not, my meſſenger, fear not; for I the Lord will ſubdue and ſubject unto thee all the power of the ſpirits that ſhall fight againſt thee: I will ſcatter and break all in pieces, as an earthen veſſel, even all that ſhall ſet themſelves againſt me and my word, ſhall be rooted out from off the earth. But as for thy brethren that have given themſelves up to my ſervice, to forward my work, and aſſiſt thee in copying of my word, that it may be printed and publiſhed; them will I the Lord bleſs in my kingdom, when I have deſtroyed ungodlineſs from off the earth; for all they that are with me ſhall enjoy everlaſting reſt and peace in me, ſaith the Lord God."

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THIS laſt I have, from a particular command of God, been obliged to add by way of concluſion, for an earneſt warning to all readers, of the teſtimonies herein contained, that, as they tender their own ſouls, and their eternal ſalvation, they would abſtain from all raſh judging and reviling of this work, and in no wiſe hinder or obſtruct it; for by this every one may perceive of what weight this work is with God; and that it proceedeth not from me, a poor worm, but from God, who commanded me to write it, and lately threatened me with the curſe contained in this book againſt the wicked, if I did not remain ſtedfaſt in it: therefore let every one take heed what he does in this caſe; and let him know, that he has not to do with men, but with God; and that it will be hard for him to kick againſt the pricks.

Finiſhed this 6th of *April*, on *Eaſter Monday*, at *Rotterdam*, in the Year 1711.

A TRUE AND WONDERFUL RELATION

Of what happened to the Rev. E. LUYCKSEN, *in the Year* 1666.

THE Sunday after All Saints Day, early in the morning, about ſeven o'clock, I (ſaith the author, EVERT LUYCKSEN) went forth from the city Horn, towards a ſmall village, to preach the word.

Now after I had walked a while onwards on the way, which is overlaid with boards, becauſe of the unpaſſableneſs of it, it ſo happened, that, as I was buſied with holy and divine meditations, and was conſidering what might be moſt ſuitable to the ſubject I was to treat of, looking up, I ſaw a very old grey-haired man, with a white beard, reaching to his girdle. His garment was of a ſtrange colour; on his head he had a three-cornered cap, of a ſky-blue colour; his face ſtrong and lively, and of an awful aſpect. Being come up to him, I paſſed by after I had courteouſly ſaluted him; and becauſe he only anſwered me with a nod, I went forwards. After I was gone a little farther, looking up, I perceived the ſame old man, and thought with myſelf this ſeems to be the ſame old man I paſſed by juſt now. Whence may theſe men come? for never in my life have I ſeen ſuch before. As I thought thus with myſelf, and looked forward, I ſaw the old man ſtand ſtill, as if he waited for me; and when I was come near him, I looked back, to ſee whether the old man I had met before were there ſtill; but I ſaw him not. Now, after I had turned my face towards him, the old man began to talk with me, and in a friendly manner wiſhed me a good day; and farther ſaid, "Well, friend, you are going abroad to preach, and intend to take your text out

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of the 21ſt chapter of Luke: *Take heed leſt at any time your hearts be overcharged,* &c." At theſe words I was aſtoniſhed, and knew not what to anſwer; but he proceeded, and ſaid, "You had beſt take care to repreſent the truth to men with great earneſtneſs, for it is highly neceſſary that it be told them: for a wonderful ſtate of things will be in theſe lands, and in the WHOLE WORLD, but more eſpecially where the light of the goſpel ſhines moſt; for there great and heavy judgments will appear. And notwithſtanding you have often thought to leave off your preaching"—[by which words he did ſo affright and caſt me down, that I ſunk down into a ſwoon, to that degree that I could not ſpeak a word]—But he anſwered me, "Be not ſo affrighted, becauſe I tell you what your thoughts and intentions are: you ſhall hear ſomething elſe; now only be ſtrong in the Lord." And as ſoon as the word came from his mouth, I came wholly to myſelf again, and ſtrengthened myſelf to ſtep forwards, and walk: but lifting up my eyes, the old man was gone, and no where to be found; which made me wonder greatly. Now, as I walked a little farther, being full of thoughts; for I could not comprehend what kind of old man this might be, who could tell me what my thoughts were, and what my intention had been; for he told me that I was purpoſed to quit my preaching; and it was the truth, for I was wholly reſolved never to preach any more, but only this ſermon. As I was thus thinking, I ſaw this old man a third time ſtanding before me, at which I was again affrighted, and he ſaid to me: "You think to preach no more than this ſermon; woe unto you! for if ſo, you ſhall be wonderfully and dreadfully puniſhed: for it is not man you have to do with, but the Lord; therefore take heed what you do." With theſe words I was much caſt down; but he ſaid to me: "Believe, lay hold on God, and ſtrengthen yourſelf in the Lord." And by theſe words

words I was ſtrengthened again anew, and ſeemed to be wholly renewed, as well in mind, as throughout my whole body. Whereupon he ſaid to me, "*Difficult times will come;* for men are very unthankful *throughout all Europe*, but more eſpecially in thoſe countries where the light ſhines moſt, where more virtue and truth is expected. God has long waited for fruits of righteouſneſs, yet nothing but wickedneſs appears. *Thus ſaith the Lord of Heaven:* I will plague CHRISTENDOM, ſo called, with war and famine. Theſe plagues ſhall begin within a ſhort time, and increaſe, and lamentable times ſhall come; for I will viſit *whole Chriſtendom*, ſo called, in my wrath. I will take away the teaching of the goſpel, I will ſmite the people with blindneſs, becauſe they have provoked me to anger. The *Heathens* ſhall come out of far countries, to wit, the *Great Turk*; he ſhall deſtroy all *Chriſtendom*, take away divine worſhip, ſo that the word will not be found, but with very few men; every one will then be afraid to hear the word of God, and to confeſs it; for then much innocent *Chriſtian* blood will be ſhed; yet whoſoever ſhall be found faithful in the ſervice of God, the ſame ſhall be comforted by the Lord, for the Lord will be with them. The beginning of this calamity will be when the KING OF FRANCE ſhall endeavour to make himſelf great; for then great preparations for war will be made throughout *all Chriſtendom*, and all for fear: but then ſhall the KING OF FRANCE be curbed in his great power; for *diſcord* ſhall trouble his *kingdom, and deſtroy it*. And at this time wonders will be heard; for then the *Great Turk* ſhall come up a ſecond time, and make an irruption into the kingdom of *Poland*, and conquer it: and then alſo ſhall the *Great Turk* ſubdue the *King of France*, and make him tributary. In the ſame time the *Netherlands* will be in a *bad condition*, by reaſon of great dearth; ſo that people will be at a loſs where to get proviſion to

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ſupport their lives. At the ſame time there will be burning and anguiſhing *ſickneſſes*, great *peſtilence*, and raging *diſtempers;* ſo that one perſon ſhall meet another in the ſtreet, not knowing any thing but that all is well; and yet before they part, the one ſhall fall upon the other as mad dogs, biting and tearing each other's hands and arms, and ſo raging, fall down dead to the ground. But this laſt mentioned may yet by prayer be prevented; but except men be converted, it will ſurely ſo happen: therefore preach the word with earneſtneſs; the Lord will be with you." And having thus ſaid, he diſappeared, and I ſaw him no more, and was very much caſt down.

When I came to the place where I was to preach, it appeared impoſſible for me; but as ſoon as I was in the pulpit, I ſeemed to preach with ſo much underſtanding, and withal ſo powerfully, that they who then heard it ſaid, that they were ſurprized with great wonder at my diſcourſe.

When I had ended my ſermon, I found myſelf very ill; and, as ſoon as I came home, took my bed, and lay ſick three weeks. As ſoon as I was recovered, I endeavoured with all diligence to inſtruct my neighbour; to which end I pray God to ſtrengthen me. *Amen.*

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